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Commons row over Jopling's country policy

By Philip Webster and Richard Evans

Plans for the biggest changes in countryside planning regulations since the war, including a relaxation of restrictions on all but the best agricultural land, were unveiled yesterday amid indications of disarray in the Government and disapproval from the opposition parties.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was forced to make a Commons statement last night after a barrage of protests over the way the Government had made the announcement.

But Mr Jopling was in deeper trouble with ministerial colleagues at the Department of the Environment. They were seething at his handling of the initiative drawn up to help farmers hit by European Community curbs on production.

They were furious that their carefully constructed "green" policy, aimed at protecting rural sites from housebuilding, had been shattered by the widespread impression that his plans would mean large-scale encroachment on to greenfield sites.

Both Mr Jopling and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, made statements outside the Commons chamber on the scheme. It includes incentives for farmers to plant tens of thousands more acres of trees each year, and will mean that 83 per cent of agricultural land could be considered for development.

The presumption that such land should not be developed because it is agricultural is being lifted, but ministers emphasized that this did not mean a planning free-for-all in the countryside. The land would still be subject to normal planning constraints.

Mr Jopling told the Commons last night that the present countryside planning arrangements dated from a time when there were food shortages. Today there were huge surpluses and it made no sense to apply "agricultural reservations" on inferior land.

But Mr Jopling's colleagues were last night openly accusing him of allowing it to appear that protected land would now be under threat from the housebuilders.

Mr Ridley, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment and Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, were understood to have told Mr Jopling of their strong displeasure.

One ministerial source said last night: "All this has done is gratuitously upset the policy picture we have successfully put across, which is to restrict housebuilding in the South-east and not build on the green belt and greenfield sites.

"Now he has come out and put his great, size 12 gumboots all over our policy, and we are now involved in a damage limitation exercise."

It was said that Mr Jopling's "politically inept performance" amounted to a mishandling, on a major scale, of one of the most sensitive political areas, in terms of votes, in the South of England.

Under the £25 million-a-year scheme, initially announced by Mr Jopling in a Commons written reply, and by Mr Ridley in a circular, then later repeated to MPs, the Government is hoping to get some 55,000 extra acres of trees planted each year to take land out of agricultural production.

The main elements are:

- A new plan for the development of farm woodlands. Farmers will be paid up to £125 per hectare(2.5 acres) to grow trees as part of their farming enterprise. The aim is to plant 36,000 hectares over the first three years of the scheme.
- The existing forestry programme is to be increased with a target for new planting of 33,000 hectares a year; some 23,000 are being planted at present.
- A doubling of the Government's scheme for designating environemntally sensitive areas where farmers are paid to maintain traditional types of farming, with strict controls on pesticides and fertilisers. The cost will be £7 million.
- New research on ways of diversifying crops and livestock enterprises.

Commenting on the circular, which will require the Ministry of Agriculture to be consulted about developments on only the 17 per cent of highest quality land designated as grades one and two, Mr Ridley said last night that there was "absolutely no question" of opening up the countryside to uncontrolled development.

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New fears of science brain drain

A work to rule among 400 scientists and engineers is threatening the future of the £500 million fusion research project at the Joint European Torus laboratory, near Oxford.

There are fears that the protest will accelerate the drain of leading fusion research specialists to the United States. The 200 British employees on the JET project receive only half the salary of staff seconded from other European countries **Page 2**

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BA to screen new pilots for Aids

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

British Airways is going to screen all new pilots for the Aids virus following fears of the effect of associated brain disease. Other British airlines are likely to follow suit.

The move was revealed as new Department of Health and Social Security figures showed a record monthly rise in the number of Aids cases in January, an increase of 76 cases to bring the total to 686; of those 686 cases, 355 have died.

Comparable figures at the end of December were 610 and 293.

British Airways' decision was disclosed during a seminar on Aids at London University yesterday, when doctors discussed the crippling diseases associated with the Aids virus, which can lead to a subtle onset of loss of memory.

British Airways, which will be recruiting another 100 pilots, emphasized that existing pilots would not be screened.

Speaking at the conference, Dr Charles Farthing, an Aids registrar at St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, said that the decision was quite understandable.

"The HIV related brain disease can be very subtle and any of a number of things can happen. It can cause the subtle onset of loss of memory and loss of intellectual function, the same sort of subtle indications as someone with a brain tumour."

But Dr Farthing stressed that most pilots undergo repeated medical examinations. "If they had early HIV related brain diseases these would be picked up."

Commenting on the figures for Aids cases, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said: "The situation will get worse before it can get better. Our best estimate is that by the end of 1989 the cumulative number of deaths will be 4,000."

The figures show that of the 686 cases, 606 are male homosexauls or bisexuals, nine intravenous drug abusers, seven homosexual and intravenous drug abusers, 26 haemophiliacs, seven recipients from blood abroad and four from this country.

Twenty heterosexaul cases were reported, but of these 17 (11 men and six women) were thought to have contracted the disease abroad. Six children have had Aids, of which three have died. All were born to HIV positive mothers.

But doctors have given a warning that Aids cases were only the tip of the iceberg of HIV infections. Hundreds of others were suffering from and in some cases dying of Aids related conditions not technically classified as Aids cases.

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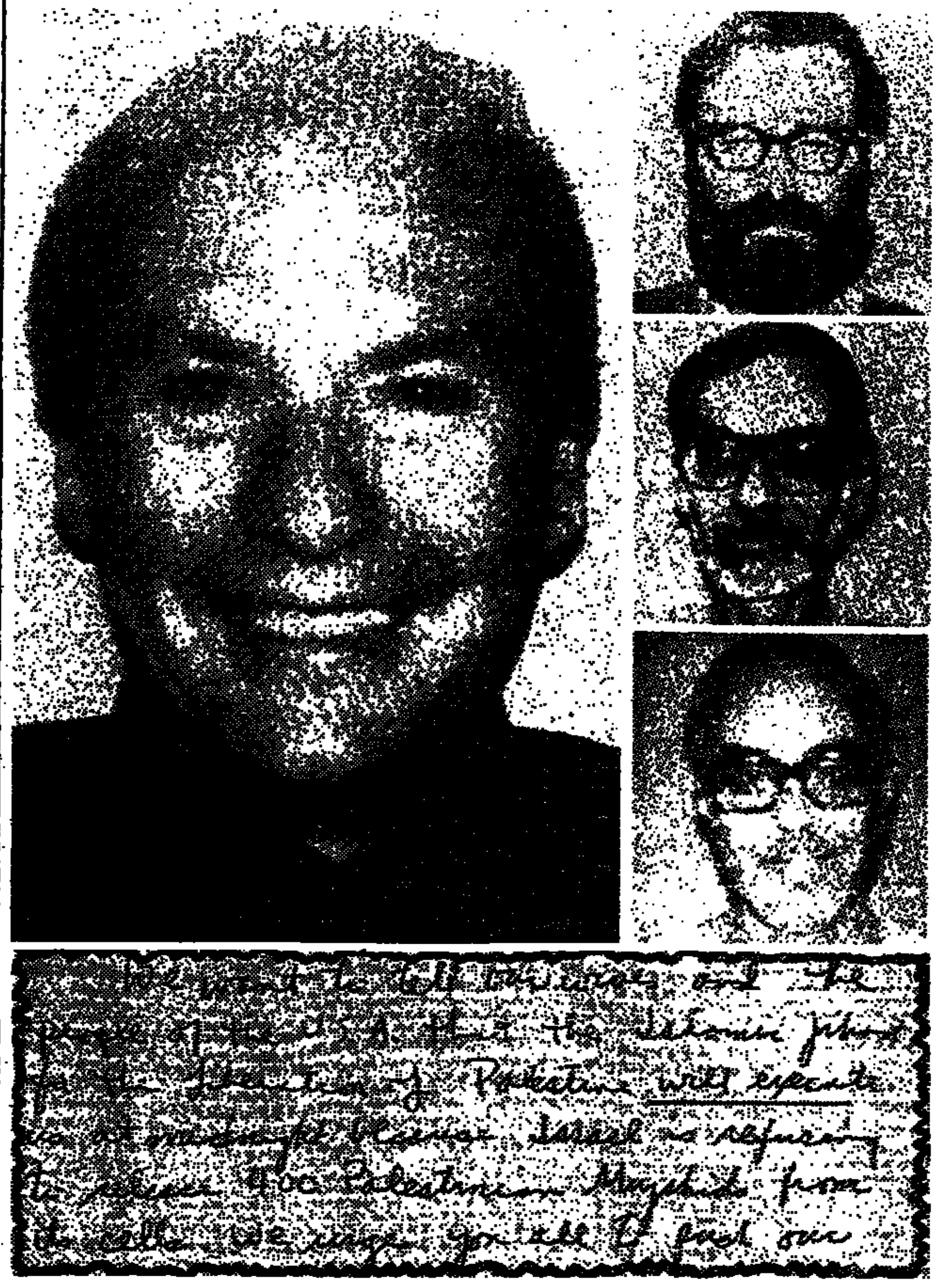
War of nerves for men under death threat



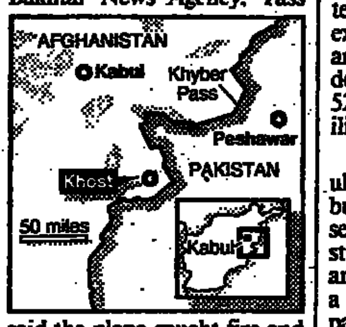
Captives facing execution: Mr Alann Steen, main picture; Mr Jesse Turner, top right; Mr Robert Polhill, middle; and Mr Mithileshwar Singh. Above, the text of part of their letter.

Thirty die as Afghans down plane

From Christopher Walker Moscow

In one of the most serious incidents in Afghanistan since the unilateral government ceasefire declared on January 15, Tass reported that a Soviet-built Antonov 26 plane was shot down by a rocket yesterday killing 30 people, including women, children and six crew members.

Quoting the official Afghan Bakhtar News Agency, Tass said the plane caught fire and plummeted to the ground soon after taking off from the city of Khost, a noted rebel stronghold where local guerrilla leaders have continued to refuse the terms of the ceasefire.



Tass gave no details as to whether the plane was Soviet or Afghan, civilian or military. It said, however, that it did have passengers on board.

The report prompted immediate speculation by diplomats that the plane had been hit by either a US-made Stinger or British-made Blowpipe heat-seeking missile.

Earlier this week, *The Washington Post* said the US Administration had decided to supply more Stinger missiles to the Muslim rebels, who were now achieving a strike rate of between 70 and 80 per cent.

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Airport firemen warned that 6,000 jobs are in peril

By Ian Smith

Striking firemen at Manchester International Airport must return to work today and agree the appointment of an independent arbitrator or accept responsibility for the dismissal of 6,000 staff and the indefinite closure of Britain's third largest airport.

The uncompromising ultimatum was delivered yesterday by the airport's chief executive, Mr Gil Thompson, and last night letters were delivered to the homes of the 52 firemen telling their families of the bleak alternative.

Mr Thompson said that the ultimatum was not a threat but an unavoidable consequence of the unofficial strike which began 13 days ago and has brought the airport to a standstill. So far 150,000 passengers have been bussed to neighbouring airports to catch 2,100 forcibly re-routed flights and more than £1 million net profit has been lost.

The firemen, members of the Transport and General Workers Union, will meet this morning to decide on their response to the proposal to appoint an independent arbitor, whose decision will be binding on both sides.

His appointment has been supported by Mr Mick Martin, national secretary of the union's civil air transport section, after he and a second assessor selected by the airport management failed to agree a formula to break the deadlock.

If the firemen refuse to accept independent arbitration they will almost certainly receive their notice within 24 hours, and the first casualties of the dispute will be non-essential staff at the airport. The rest of the workforce face redundancy within weeks.

Powers to take whatever action is necessary to end the strike were given to Mr Thompson at an emergency meeting of the borough authorities in Greater Manchester, who own the airport.

The firemen say they have gone on strike because they believe the introduction of new technology fire alarm computers means fire safety standards will drop.

The management insist this is a "red herring" to mask the true issue, a wrangle over money.

Two years ago the firemen were given an additional £13 a week in readiness for new technology but are now demanding more.

It is believed by the management that if they surrender to what they regard as blackmail, every other union at the airport will immediately demand similar pay rises.

Hostages plead for their lives in deadline drama

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

Three Americans and one Indian held hostage in Lebanon yesterday pleaded for their lives a few hours before the expiration of a midnight deadline set by their captors, who vowed to kill them unless Israel released 400 Palestinian prisoners — or at least promised to do so.

The dramatic appeal by Mr Alann Steen, Mr Robert Polhill, Mr Jesse Turner and Mr Mithileshwar Singh was made in a letter delivered to a news agency along with a photograph of Mr Steen.

It was published as the war of nerves reached new heights in west Beirut with a car bomb attack that left 15 people dead and more than 70 wounded. The blast occurred not far from where the Shia Muslim Amal militia and Palestinian guerrillas were fighting fierce battles in a sudden escalation of violence around the besieged Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camp.

A white Mercedes exploded and pedestrians were showered with glass or were mowed down by flying debris.

Despite Iranian, Syrian and Libyan mediation efforts, the latest, most vicious round of the "war of the camps" has already claimed more than 750 lives. Palestinian guerrillas in the hills east of the capital yesterday stepped up artillery attacks against Shia residential areas to ease the pressure by Amal forces surrounding the Bourj el-Barajneh and Chatila camps, deprived of food, medicine and water.

Thousands of Palestinian civilians under Amal siege in Bourj el-Barajneh are said to be so desperate for food that they have requested a *fatwa* or religious decree, authorizing them to eat human flesh.

To many residents of the southern suburbs, the car bomb was a reminder of a similar attack in neighbouring Bir el-Abed in March 1985, in which more than 90 people perished.

It was against this backdrop of relentless violence and hatred that the hostages' letter was made public in a message of despair for the American Administration.

"We want to tell our wives and the people of the USA that the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine will execute us at midnight because Israel is refusing to release 400 Palestinian *mujaheds* (strugglers) from its cells," the letter ran.

"We urge you all to push our Government to order Israel to guarantee the release of 400 Palestinian *mujaheds* before midnight."

The letter added: "We expect from Israel to respond to the demand as soon as possible . . . We ask Israel why it used to get anything it asked for from our Administration for the past 30 years and unfortunately the US Government willingly gave Israel all it wanted. . .

Photograph 6
Text of letter 6

The letter went on: "If you do love us and your hearts beat for us, put pressure on Israel to show good will . . . Otherwise we won't be alive after midnight, the farewell hour."

- **Waite hope:** The letter from the hostages did not shed any light on the fate of the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, Mr Terry Waite, who has been missing in Lebanon for three weeks (Nicholas Beeston writes).

But there was some cause for optimism when the Shia Amal militia leader, Mr Nabih Berri, said in Damascus that he believed Mr Waite would be released "soon . . . in days or weeks, not months".

Consumer credit boom nears record level

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Nearly £3 billion was added to consumer debt in December last year, according to official figures. The credit boom continues, amid signs from industry of an upturn in inflation.

In December, £2.81 billion of consumer credit was advanced up from £2.64 billion in November. The December figure was the second highest on record, in spite of a 1.1 per cent drop in the volume of retail sales during the month.

At the end of last year, officially-measured consumer debt stood at £23.74 billion, equivalent to £550 for each adult and £2.9 billion up on December 1985.

Signs of higher inflation came with a 1 per cent rise in manufacturing industry's raw material and fuel costs last month, due to higher oil prices. Manufacturers raised their prices by an average 0.7 per cent in January. Last month's retail price figures, due on Friday, are expected to show inflation up to about 4 per cent.

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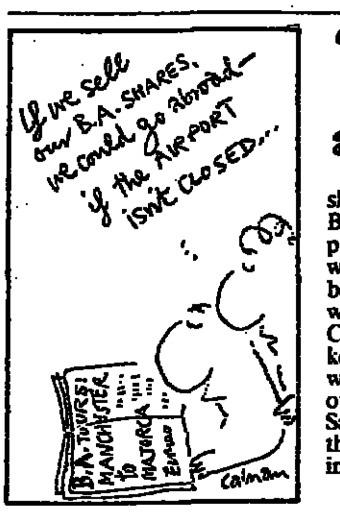
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'Profit of 50% likely on airline shares'

Successful applicants for shares in newly privatized British Airways can expect a profit of about 50 per cent when stock market dealings begin tomorrow. The shares were trading at 101½p in the City's unofficial "grey" market late yesterday, compared with the 65p first instalment of the 125p offer price. Hill Samuel, banking adviser to the BA share sale, warned investors against selling

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Police storm bank to free hostages

Marseilles (AP) — Crack French police squads stormed a Marseille bank where gangsters had been holding 17 people hostages for 11 hours, finding the hostages were unharmed and the gangsters had fled through the cellar.

The gang had earlier demanded 30 million francs (£3.2 million) and two getaway cars, police said. They had fired occasional shots during the day, without causing any injuries.

About 200 police, including specially trained sharpshooters rushed from Paris, surrounded the bank after the raiders burst in shortly after 8 a m.

- **BONN:** Police in West Germany yesterday freed a prison warder who had been held hostage by three escaped convicts in a getaway car with a ransom of £250,000

A successful bid to rescue the family silver

By Alan Hamilton

Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, went to an auction yesterday and spent £1,350 on a variety of wine coolers, tea trays, bread baskets and vegetable dishes. She was, she explained, trying to rescue the family silver.

The items were a small fraction of the huge collection of the ceremonial plate of the defunct Greater London Council, which once graced County Hall's banqueting table.

Mrs Morrell, bidding like a reverend mother at the Dissolution of the Monasteries, bought them on behalf of the ILEA's Westminster Catering College, where they will find a new and more prosaic use teaching trainee waiters how to serve banquets.

She was particularly pleased to acquire two items engraved with the GLC lion crest; a boat-shaped silver-plate bread basket for £220, and a pair of silver-plate coasters for £240.

Her most expensive purchase was an oblong two-handled tea tray decorated with rococo flowers and scrolling foliage, for £300. But she had to drop out when a set of three Victorian salvers, expected to make £150, went to £350.

Mr Tony Banks, MP, the GLC's last chairman, watched the sale at Christie's South Kensington auction rooms.

Photograph 3

On the last day of the council's existence hemade off with the ceremonial plate and chains of office from the chairman's room intending to give them to the Museum of London but he was forced under threat of legal action to return them

For old times' sake, Mr Banks bought a pair of GLC candelabra for £95.

"The London Residuary Body is acting like a bunch of Tory mercenaries, showing no regard for the history of the GLC. Even the demolition of County Hall cannot be entirely ruled out," Mr Banks, now Labour MP for Newham North-West, said yesterday. Mrs Morrell said she was delighted that the ILEA was able to retain some of the plate

For its part, the Residuary Body dismissed the items, which made just over £7,000, as minor and insignificant. The real collection of ceremonial silver, which has an insurance value alone of more than £1 million, currently reposes in a warehouse in east London awaiting its fate.

The Residuary Body said yesterday that not only had it no plans to break up the main collection, but it would consider handing over to ILEA free of charge any items of particular relevance to London's education.

Mrs Morrell, Labour leader of the country's largest education authority, acted yesterday in a manner that would have gained thorough Tory approval. She came out with £1,500 of ratepayers' money to spend, and went home with £150 still in her purse.

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Union confident of BT return to work

Senior leaders of the National Communications Union are confident their 110,000 telephone engineers will accept the 12.75 per cent two-year pay deal negotiated with British Telecom to end the two-week strike in spite of opposition from some branches.

Both sides have rejected the abandonment of entrenched positions but the settlement bears all the hallmarks of a compromise. Originally, the management had offered about 7 per cent for one year, conditional on the acceptance *of an end to* "restrictive practices". The union, citing "record profits" had sought a 10 per cent "no string deal" for the year backdated to July 1986.

If, the members return to work after ballots tomorrow, they know they must eventually accept some changes to their working practices. Joint management-union committees will deal with issues of greater flexibility which will, for example, allow one man to deliver and install equipment. But the union also won important concessions, *notably over its demand* that the working day should not be extended.

£230,000 for North

An extra £230,000 has been earmarked by the Government to boost tourism in the north of England.

Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State for Employment, made the announcement yesterday during a visit to Leeds.

The money will be made available to the English Tourist Board for a co-ordinated campaign aimed at attracting overseas visitors, *mainly Americans, to* Northumbria, Yorkshire and Humberside, the North-west and Cumbria.

PCs not to blame

Police officers have been cleared of any involvement in the death of Mr Caiphus Lemard after his arrest last year in Notting Hill, west London.

The Police Complaints Authority ruled that no disciplinary charges should be brought, and there was no evidence of neglect of duty against any officer.

The PCA noted Mr Lemard was in police hands for 25 minutes and died from inhaling vomit *after taking the* largest overdose of cocaine the examining doctor had ever found.

Three-way pit poll

Mr Jim Dowling has emerged as the third candidate in the election to succeed Mr Mick McGahey as vice-*president* of the National Union of Mineworkers. Mr Dowling, aged 47, a moderate, who has been nominated by his Midlands-based power group, which represents electricians and fitters, and Leicestershire, has been a member of the national executive for 12 months.

The two other candidates are Mr Sammy Thompson, a senior official in Yorkshire, and Mr Eric Clark, from Scotland, who sits on the Labour Party's national executive.

Nominations close tomorrow and the ballot is due to take place next month.

Gabriel's award

Peter Gabriel (right), former lead singer of the rock group Genesis, was voted best British male artist at the 1987 British Record Industry Awards in London last night.

Five Star, the soul musician family of teenage brothers and sisters from Romford, Essex, were *voted best British group*.

Kate Bush was best female artist. Other awards included the best British classical Recording award to Julian Lloyd Webber for his version of Elgar's cello concerto.

Debenhams fined

Debenhams were fined £500, with £250 costs, at Horseferry Road Court, yesterday for two offences under the 1968 Trade Descriptions Act at their Oxford Street branch.

The company admitted applying the false descriptions of "crystal" and "silver plated" to a boxed relish dish bought for £11.99 in a test purchase by a Westminster City Council official on New Year's Eve 1985.

Tory reformers weigh in over tax cuts

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

A rift within the Conservatives over next month's Budget opened up last night with a leading pressure group urging the Chancellor of the Exchequer to concentrate on reducing unemployment, not cutting *income* tax.

The Tory Reform Group, which includes five Cabinet ministers among its leading supporters, says: "We believe that the extra resources available to the Government should not be used to increase the real spending power of those fortunate enough to be in work, but rather to create jobs for those out of work."

In a 15-page Budget submission, the group of the party suggests that if Mr Nigel Lawson believes fiscal changes are needed he should index tax thresholds to help the lower paid, and cut *national* insurance contributions.

"We think cuts in the standard rate should have very low priority. Taking people out of tax is to be preferred and we believe this view is very widely shared."

The group's proposals for a "One Nation" budget will be seized on by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow chancellor, as evidence of the disarray within Conservative ranks and as support for Labour's policies, which include a pledge to reverse any tax cuts made on March 17.

Apart from Mr Peter Walker, who is president, the group's patrons include Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science; Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General; Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary; and Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister.

The submission comes amid increased speculation that Mr Lawson will be able to cut 2p to 3p of the standard rate of tax. The Treasury has been pointing towards a substantial swing in opinion among Conservative MPs in favour of cuts in the top rates.

But in an open letter to the Chancellor, Mr Iain Picton, chairman of the group, says their package represents the considered view of many Tories and would prove popular and effective.

Mr Picton said: "We want to see a *Tory Budget* for One Nation. A Budget that continues to tackle unemployment as well as inflation: a Budget that is mindful of those social and economic forces that divide our nation between north and south, city and country, rich and poor.

"We are suggesting that any revenue the Exchequer has to disburse should be concentrated on investment in housing, urban renewal and in our nation's infrastructure in order further to reduce unemployment."

BBC film to say MI5 set up osteopath as 'fall guy'

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The BBC is preparing a documentary film raising new and supposedly embarrassing allegations about the role of the security service, MI5, in the 1963 Profumo affair.

The film is expected to provide new evidence of links between MI5 and Stephen Ward, the osteopath who committed suicide after his disgrace in the scandal.

The disclosure is certain to renew debate about the role of the security service in the most sensational sex and secrets scandal in recent British history.

The film is said to be likely to suggest that after supplying the Government with information, Dr Ward was allowed by MI5 to take responsibility for the scandal, as a way of insulating the British political establishment.

Mr David Wickham, producer of the film, said yesterday: "The film is not intended to do anything to the Government. It is an account of the treatment of Stephen Ward, whom we believe was wronged. We have new *information about* Ward which points to the fact that he was probably misjudged."

While BBC officials denied that the film is intended to cause a new confrontation between the corporation and the Government, it is likely that the film could provoke a new skirmish.

The allegations, based on interviews with scores of those involved in the case, including an MI5 case officer, are expected to confront the Government with challenges over the handling of the Profumo case by a Conservative government, and over its campaign to keep the affairs of the security service from public disclosure.

The BBC documentary is based on a book by Caroline Kennedy and Philip Knightley expected to be published in June by Jonathan Cape. Excerpts from the book have been purchased by *The Sunday Times*.

The BBC yesterday acknowledged that it was in "the very early stages" of preparing the documentary. There had been no filming and no transmission date had been set, a spokesman said.

● Strathclyde Police yesterday returned two more boxes of *videotapes and documents* seized from the BBC headquarters in Scotland on January 31. The BBC said that 43 items out of 293 removed from the corporation have now been returned.

The BBC said, however, that it was now "very close" to having all the material that was needed to broadcast the five remaining programmes in the *Secret Society* series.

● Broadcasting industry speculation yesterday focused on the chief executive of Channel Four, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, as the leading candidate for the job of BBC director-general.

Mr Isaacs yesterday was receiving widespread support from television executives *both inside and outside the* BBC.

His main competitor was seen as Mr David Dimbleby, the local newspaper publisher and freelance broadcaster.

Mr David Nicholas, editor of Independent Television News, who has also been widely mentioned as a candidate, said yesterday he will not apply for the job.

Mr John Tusa, managing director of BBC External Services, was said to be the leading candidate from within the BBC but indications were that the governors are almost certain to pick someone from outside.

Mr Paul Fox, who told *The Times* last week that he would not apply for the job, was said by *friends to be prepared to* consider accepting the appointment on a short-term contract.

Applications close today.

Natalie Masters, who was barred from playing for her school football team in a crucial quarter-final match yesterday. Natalie, aged 11, who attends Lutley Primary School, Halesowen, West Midlands, played in all the qualifying games and scored two goals in the Sportsco Cup Trophy. She was told last Thursday that the English Schools Football Association, which runs the competition, does not allow girls aged 11 and under to take part.

Labour's tunnel vision

By Martin Fletcher,
Political Reporter

A Labour government would develop a new British high speed train to enable British Rail to compete with the French TGV if the Channel Tunnel is built.

The proposal is detailed in an unpublished document agreed by Labour's national executive last week which *reaffirms the party's commitment* to hold a public inquiry into the project should the Channel Tunnel Bill not be law by the next general election.

The party would also prepare contingency plans for a nationalized Channel ferry company in case the tunnel put the private companies out of business, establish a Channel Tunnel Office of Fair Trading to stop unfair price cutting by the tunnel operators, and create a Channel Tunnel Supplies Office to ensure that British companies have the best possible chance of winning construction contracts.

It would not bail out the private companies responsible for financing the project if they ran into *financial* trouble.

In the likely event that the Bill has become law, however, "a Labour government would ensure that the maximum benefits are derived from the tunnel and that damage to the environment is minimized". A move by left-wingers to hold an inquiry in any event was defeated heavily.

The document accuses the Government of having failed to ensure that the maximum benefits of the tunnel are realized, of having ignored the people directly affected by it, and of having "washed its hands" of the threat it poses to shipping.

It notes that only 2 per cent of British Rail freight traffic is international, compared with 27 per cent of French freight. In addition to developing a new British high speed train, it would electrify all relevant lines, arrange on-train and regional customs facilities, and build British transhipment centres.

To protect ferry companies it would create a Channel Tunnel Office of Fair Trading to stop price wars, improve ferry customs and immigration facilities, and "bring forward plans for a socially-owned short sea shipping company" if existing companies were in danger of bankruptcy.

A Labour government would also "respond sympathetically to any specific local proposals to reduce local environmental damage".

Go-slow threatens £500m research

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A work to rule among 400 scientists and engineers is threatening the future of the £500 million fusion research project at the Joint European Torus (JET) laboratory, near Oxford.

There are fears that the dispute will accelerate the drain of leading specialists in fusion research to the United States.

American laboratories are already recruiting fusion experts in the United Kingdom and the first to go this year will be Dr Stephen Cowley, aged 27, at the end of this week.

He leaves the Culham laboratory, which is on the same site as the European JET laboratory but operated by the UK Atomic Energy Authority, for Princeton University.

The rewards for the physicist, the originator of a new theory of importance for understanding fusion, include "three-and-half times" his present salary after tax.

The dispute and the brain drain come when teams in the United States, Europe and Japan are at a vital stage in the race to reach the crucial milestone in fusion research, sometimes likened to harnessing the energy of the H-bomb.

The work to rule is a protest over different treatment between the 200 British employees on the JET team and staff seconded from other European countries.

The British receive half the pay of their European colleagues.

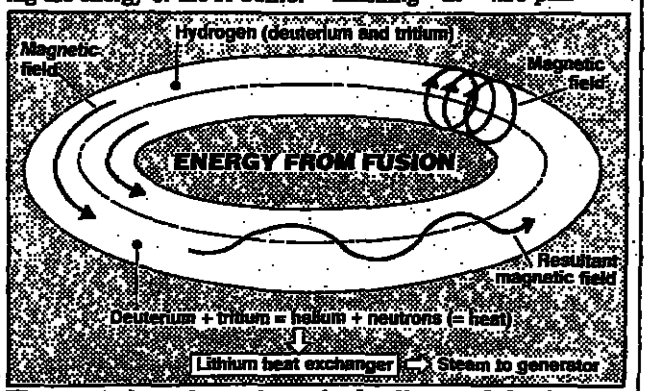
JET is a European Commission project, and the disparity arises because staff from other countries are paid the rate for commission employees. All British nationals, no matter from where they were recruited, are employees of the UK Atomic Energy Authority and paid accordingly.

An appeal to the European Court for equal treatment was lost last month.

The response, to go slow, is an unprecedented action by a research team.

The huge experimental machine, in which scientists are attempting to extract energy by fusing together atoms of the lightest element, hydrogen, rather than splitting the heavy atoms of uranium, as in all existing nuclear reactors, is planned to operate from 8 am until 10 pm.

In practice, the staff are finishing at 4.30 pm.



The research work caught up in the dispute. Scientists are attempting to generate energy by fusing hydrogen atoms.

Breakaway union from Sogat 'likely to fail'

By Tim Jones

Attempts by hardline members of Sogat '82 to form a new breakaway union to continue their dispute against News International seem likely to fail.

Since the decision of the union to abandon its one year siege of the company's plant at Wapping, east London, prominent leaders of Fleet Street branches have been urging a continuation of the action.

Sogat had been warned by legal advisers that it faced sequestration if it ignored an injunction banning it from *continuing action*.

In any event, the majority of the members of Sogat had made it clear they wanted no part of the dispute and tacitly backed the efforts of Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union, to involve both sides in negotiations.

But despite their executive's decision, key Sogat members attended a protest outside the plant on Saturday night. They were Mr Tony Isaacs, of the London machine branch and Mr Bill Freeman, one of seven London-based Sogat national executive members who voted against abandoning the dispute.

Sogat activists met in London on Friday night and some of them discussed the possibility of continuing the dispute by forming their own union.

Decisions taken at that meeting will be made known today but it is unlikely the strategy of an alternative union will gain much support.

Halsbury's Laws states: "A person who has not been restrained by an injunction. . . may be committed for contempt if, *with knowledge of the injunction*, he aids and abets its breach."

As every Sogat member would be aware of the *Wapping dispute they* could not reasonably deny knowledge of it.

● Fourteen people appeared before Thames magistrates yesterday on charges of using threatening behaviour at Wapping, on January 24.

Filippe Palmer, 24, a trainee teacher, of Werrington, *Peterborough*, was fined £200. The court was told that he threw bricks and stones at police.

Gregg Simonovitch, aged 18, a salesman, of Oaks Avenue, Romford, Essex, was fined £25. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Wayne Holloway, aged 22, unemployed, of Honeywood Road, Colchester, when he failed to appear.

The remainder were remanded until various dates in March and April.

School Bill still intact

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, narrowly survived an Alliance attempt last night to prevent him taking personal control of teachers' pay and conditions and removing *negotiating* rights from local authorities and teachers.

He now expects his Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill to emerge from Parliament later this month virtually intact. He can then impose his own £608 million settlement on the 440,000 teachers and abolish the Burnham negotiating body.

The House of Lords voted out the Alliance amendment by 151 votes to 124 for a Government majority of 27. The Alliance had the support of Labour and some independent peers.

The amendment bore the hallmarks of Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the Social Democratic Party and former Secretary of State for Education and Science. It also had the backing of the National Association of Headteachers, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, the Professional Association of Teachers and the Society of *Education Officers*.

It would have replaced Burnham with an independent review body to be appointed by Mr Baker after consulting with teachers and employers. If no agreement was reached, a process of pendulum arbitration would start with both sides putting their proposals to an arbitrator.

Lady Seear, leader of the *Liberal* peers, argued that there was no support among the teachers for Mr Baker's plan to impose his own settlement on the dispute. The amendment would give the Secretary of State a say throughout the negotiations.

But Lord Belstead, deputy leader of *the Lords*, claimed they resurrected features of the Burnham negotiating machinery and excluded some of the smaller organizations.

He reminded peers that the reason for the Bill was that for a long time Burnham had been unable to reach a consensus on how teachers' pay should be structured and during that time there had been severe disruption in schools.

Teachers face strike ballot

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Leaders of the two biggest teaching unions in England *and Wales are planning* to ballot their members on whether they are prepared to strike or take any other action in protest against the Government's intention to impose a settlement to the long-running pay dispute.

The plan, which is expected to be announced later today, is supported by the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers but opposed by the four other unions.

Mr Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of the third biggest union, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, yesterday poured scorn on the idea.

"Taking action might temporarily relieve teachers' frustration at having a settlement imposed on them," he said, "but it would not achieve anything. It would not persuade the Government or the public." Most teachers had accepted that the argument over imposition had been lost, he said.

The two unions that represent most headteachers are also opposed to further disruption: Mr Peter Snape, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "We deplore the ending of direct negotiations with our employers but we will not be party to any kind of industrial action."

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that any further action would "not be in the interests of our members or the education service".

Today, for the first time, the NAHT is going to see Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to discuss the details of the package which he will soon impose.

Valentine dale

Yorkshire and Cornwall have been voted the most romantic counties in England, and York and Bath the most romantic towns, in a Valentine poll carried out among travel writers by the English Tourist Board.

Praise for courage of family

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Detectives yesterday interviewed a South London couple who overpowered a man after he broke into their home at night and kept them prisoner for eleven hours.

The 25-year-old man, who has not been named by police, was attacked by Mr David Ward, aged 42, a self-employed carpenter, Mr Ward's wife, Carol and their daughter, Rachel, aged 16, after he broke into their home at Newland Park, Sydenham.

Yesterday, as police praised the family for their courage, the man was under guard in the intensive care unit at Lewisham Hospital, where he was *reported* to be *in a stable* condition but on a ventilator.

Police said he was hit with a bottle about the head and stabbed during the struggle on Sunday, *receiving six knife* wounds.

The man broke into the family's home on Saturday night as the couple, their four children and a fifth child staying with them were asleep. Everyone was rounded up by the intruder, who was carrying a knife, and then tied up.

Mr Ward managed to telephone the police after his was sent out to buy some cigarettes. When he returned to his home he tackled the man and was joined in the attack by his family.

As the man staggered about wounded the family fled. The intruder wandered into the street, bleeding, reached the home of a relative nearby and was arrested by police arriving at the scene.

Yesterday the couple and children saw police to describe what happened.

The man was already wanted by police investigating the murder of Mr Colin Harris, aged 34, a warehouseman, whose body was found in his burning flat in Deptford a week ago.

Irish election

Provo assault on publicity

By Richard Ford

The political apologists of the Provisional IRA have provided the Irish electorate with the liveliest moments of *a campaign* marked by the absence of serious heckling and genuine passion.

Carefully timed confrontations with the two main party leaders have enabled propagandists in Provisional Sinn Fein (PSF) to cause maximum embarrassment while achieving maximum publicity for themselves.

Fighting for the first time on a policy allowing elected representatives to take seats in the Dail, the Provos' political wing is denied access to the Republic's radio and television under Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act.

But Mr Gerry Adams, PSF MP for West Belfast, is aware of the anomaly that many voters in the Republic watch BBC and ITV, where the party is free to propound its policies and gain publicity from staged incidents involving the other party leaders.

Supporters of PSF, with 27 candidates in 24 constituencies, have dogged Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, during his tours of the border region, the west and the Dublin city centre. In the space of a few hours, Mr Adams, the party president, confronted both the Prime Minister and Mr Charles Haughey, the Opposition leader, achieving more radio coverage than they have has received.

After his attempt to talk to the Prime Minister in the foyer of a Dublin hotel, Mr Adams, a man who fully supports the "armed struggle", complained that the normally mild, professorial-looking premier had "elbowed him" out of the way. Dr FitzGerald's supporters replied with shouts of "Murderers, murderers".

Mr Haughey was equally adept when he gingerly took an election leaflet from Mr Adams, had a few words, then hurried on through a shopping centre. *His* is a delicate balancing act, for he knows the dangers to himself and his party of being viewed as being too friendly with the Provos. On the other hand, he can be seen to be doing nothing which could upset the more extreme elements within his own organization.

PSF has been quietly preparing for the general election for many months, although it insists it is the next election which will be the serious test of its ability to win wide support.

With poor organization in the Republic, and without the emotional issue of a hunger strike which helped it win two seats in 1981, the party's chances of taking a seat are slim.

While its programme stresses British withdrawal from the North, an end to cross-border co-operation, amnesty for prisoners, strengthening of Irish neutrality, the preservation of public sector jobs and an end to tax *evasion, there is* no mention of crime and law and order, and only a brief reference to the Provisional IRA's armed struggle.

Mr Adams denies dodging the armed struggle issue in the campaign, although it is rarely raised. Voters seem more concerned with local issues and the personalities of the candidates.

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Britons grow out of package holidays

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

British holidaymakers are growing tired of the package deal and forcing charter airlines to concentrate increasingly on providing scheduled services to resorts.

As thousands of independently minded tourists learn to *fend for themselves in* the sun spots around the Mediterranean, the demand is growing for direct, regular flights without the usual hotel packages.

Airlines such as Monarch and Britannia, known for their inclusive charter trips, are increasing their regular scheduled *network*. Their prices, however, are no different from those of the scheduled carriers such as British Airways or Iberia, because of the tight controls imposed on international scheduled air services.

Monarch *said*: "There is a tremendous and increasing demand for these scheduled services. Much of it comes from people who can use Luton as their local airport and it is easier for them to fly on a regular scheduled route with us than travel down to *Heathrow or Gatwick to* catch a rival airline's flight."

Under international regulations the charter airlines can*not offer more than 50 per cent* of the seats of a scheduled flight to inclusive tour operators. But they now find that the demand is so great that there is little space for any charter passengers on their regular once or twice weekly *scheduled services*.

Monarch has applied to extend its scheduled network from Luton to Las Palmas and *Tenerife*.

Britannia is extending flights from Manchester to Palma, Malaga, Tenerife, Las Palmas and Faro, and from Gatwick to Tenerife and Las Palmas. It is also applying for a licence to operate a scheduled service to Lanzarote to *attract villa owners and those* who require a more flexible ticket than the traditional charter package.

Meanwhile, the aviation industry has been shaken by the attempt by Harry Goodman's *Air Europe, one of the most* succesful charter airlines, to become a big scheduled carrier by attracting largely business passengers to 11 European destinations.

One of the main reasons that it, and other charter airlines, can turn their attention to scheduled services is the improvement in aircraft reliability, enabling far higher use to be made of them and for *scheduled services to be slot*ted in between charter flights.

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Peer who ploughed over Roman town gets £10,000 shock

By Craig Seton

The Marquess of Hertford, of Ragley Hall, Warwickshire, said yesterday that he was "stunned" after a judge fined him £10,000 with nearly £5,000 costs for ploughing up the protected remains of a Roman town on his land.

Warwick Crown Court was told that the ploughing caused serious damage to the important and historic remains of a Roman town beneath two fields of his home at Alcester, which had not been ploughed since medieval times.

After the hearing, English Heritage, which brought the prosecution, hailed the fine as an important step in its fight to prevent other landowners damaging historic monuments."It shows that they cannot blithely ignore the law," it said.

Lord Hertford had received nearly £128,000 eight years ago to compensate him for not being allowed to build on the land, the court was told.

After it was ploughed, people with metal detectors invaded the land and stripped it clean of a large haul of Roman coins that archeologists had expected to find.

Judge Harrison-Hall told Lord Hertford: "As owner of this historic monument you had a responsibility to the public to see that it was preserved. It was your heritage and your duty. It was very serious damage to part of our historic past."

Lord Hertford, aged 56, formerly of Eton and the Grenadier Guards, admitted damaging a scheduled monument, the first century AD Roman town of Alcester, which was part of his 3,000-acre estate.

He appeared in court under his full name of Hugh Edward Conway Seymour and defended himself.

The prosecution was initiated under the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Areas Act, 1979, by English Heritage, whose chairman is Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, a friend of the marquess.

Mr Coleman Treacy, for the prosecution, said two fields covering seven acres were ploughed on the instructions of Lord Hertford's farm manager in the summer of 1985.

Beneath the fields were the remains of Alcester Roman Town, whose value to the British heritage was recognized when it was scheduled as an ancient monument in 1964, to protect it from damage. It was an offence to carry out unauthorized work.

Lord Hertford had received planning permission to build on the land in 1975, but the Department of the Environment had issued an interim preservation order and in 1979 he had received nearly £128,000 in compensation. When the land was ploughed to a depth of between 10 and 12 inches so that wheat could be sown, Alcester residents adjacent to the land realized the ploughing was "an unprecedented act" as it had probably not been ploughed since medieval times.

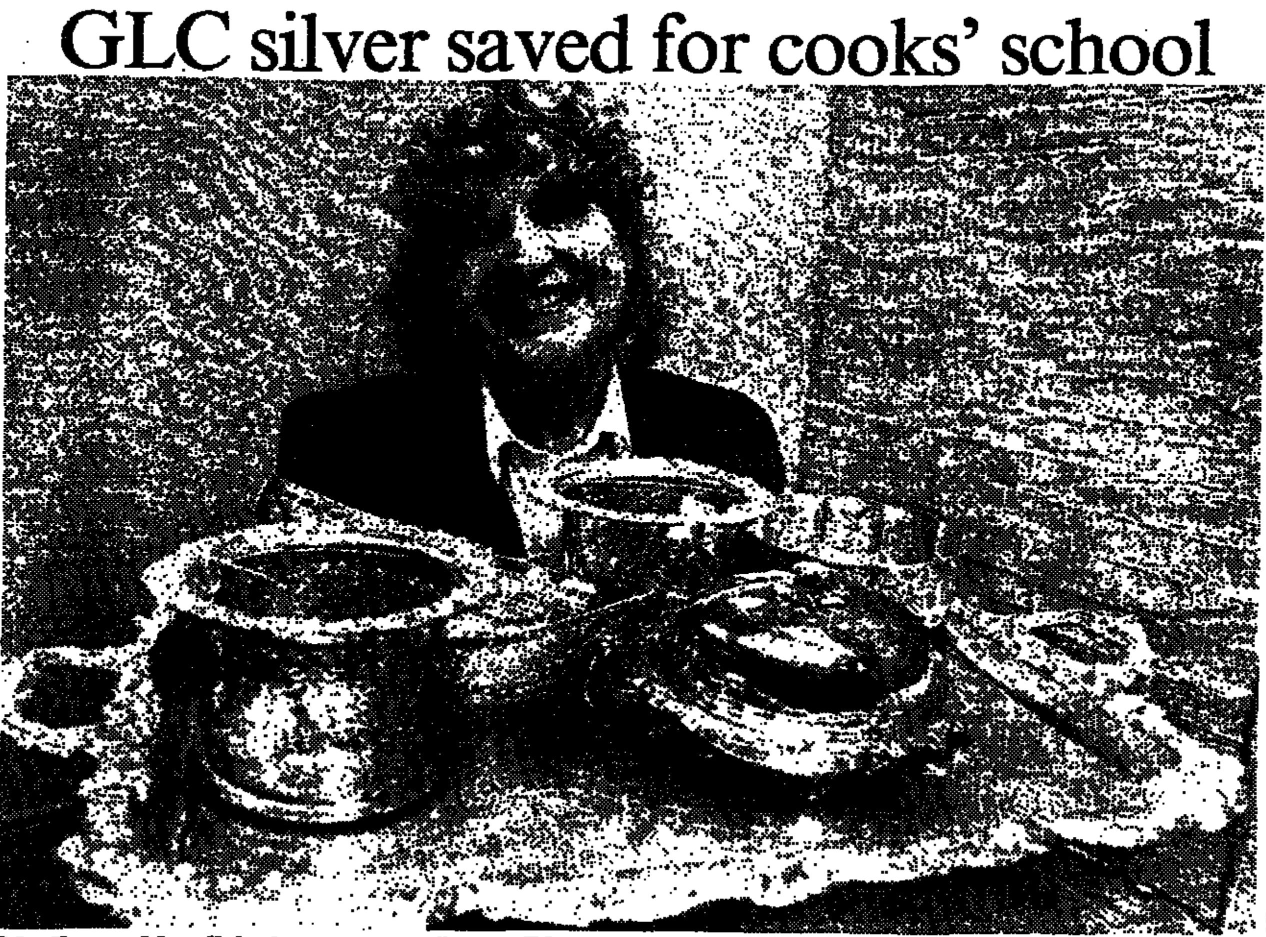
About 1,000 shards of Roman pottery and glass were found on the surface, representing no more than 10 per cent of the artefects archeologists had expected to find.

The prosecution accepted that letters Lord Hertford received from the Department of the Environment and English Heritage may have been misconstrued and it was not suggested that he had deliberately ignored the prohibitions on work on the land.

Lord Hertford told the court: "I want to express my great regret for the damage that was done. I was under the misconception that the remains were a long way down.

Outside the courtroom, he said he had pleaded guilty to avoid heavy costs and added: "I shall consider an appeal about the fine. I was rather stunned. It was a great deal more than I expected.I thought it would be about £1,000."

GLC silver saved for cooks' school



Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, with "the family silver" – her description of the wine coolers, tea trays, bread baskets and vegetable dishes she bought for £1,350 at Christie's yesterday. They are from the Greater London Council's ceremonial plate and will go to Westminster Catering College (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Portfolio —Gold—

Winners galore on Friday

Because of late fluctuations in share prices an unprecedented number of winners were able to make claims based on last Friday's Portfolio Gold qualification of 56 points.

There were 1,572 winners of that day's competition, each of whom will receive a dividend of £2.54. The announcement of the game's result was held back to allow all claims for a share of the £4,000 prize to be lodged.

There is £8,000 to be won today, double the usual amount, as there was no winner yesterday.

'Kremlin tool' claim is denied

An article in *The Economist Foreign Report* claiming that a Greek popular newspaper was financed by the Soviet Union was described as a "scurrilous invention" in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for Mr Geroge Bobolas and Ethnos Publications, the publishers of the Athens daily, *To Ethnos*, which is suing The Economist Newspaper Ltd for libel, told a jury that *To Ethnos* would remind them "of *The Mirror*, the *Mail*, and sometimes *The Sun*".He said: "It is not a drab news sheet of the Kremlin."

An article in the April 1982 issue of *The Economist Foreign Report* stated that the mass-circulation *To Ethnos* was launched in September 1981 with a Soviet subsidy of $1.8 million (£1.2 million).

The article said the newspaper's early circulation of 100,000 had fallen to 60,000, and that it was running at a loss which was being met by the Russians. "These are four plain allegations, four plain lies, with not a word of truth in any of them," Mr Gray said.

He said Mr Bobolas was a wealthy and successful businessman with shipping and shoe manufacturing interests, and did not need money or backing to start a newspaper. While *To Ethnos* was left of centre, to allege that it was receiving "Kremlin gold and Moscow subsidies" was "vicious and unpardonable".

But it villified Mr Bobolas, "a man of honour, integrity and burning patriotic zeal", and his newspaper, by saying that *To Ethnos* was a "tool and mouthpiece of Moscow" without checking the facts. For example, figures at the time of the article showed the newspaper's circulation was 129,524, Mr Gray said.

The Economist Newspaper, which denies libel, says that if necessary it will counter claim for damages over an article written in *To Ethnos* after its own article appeared. *To Ethnos* had alleged that *The Economist Foreign Report* was a tool of the CIA

The trial, which is expected to last up to eight weeks, continues today.

Dan-Air apologizes to staff

Dan-Air, the airline accused of labelling cabin staff as "sexually promiscuous", has sent an apology to its 600 stewardesses.

The Equal Opportunities Commission has claimed that the remarks were made as a defence against employing male cabin crew during an investigation into allegations of sex discrimination.

In a letter to the stewardesses Mr Fred Newman, the Dan-Air chairman apologizes for the slur and hurt caused to staff and their families by the publicity.

He said all comments by the company's counsel on this subject were made in the context of its "then concern over employment of male cabin staff and the Aids risk."

Mr Newman has also told the cabin staff, all of whom are female, that they are "second to none" in the industry.

His letter follows a meeting between management and union representatives last week. The air stewardesses were angry at the company's views as contained in a report published by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The commission said Dan-Air had claimed that promiscuous male cabin staff might have led to the spread of Aids among passengers.

When the report was published last week, Dan-Air denied that it had suggested that its cabin staff were promiscuous, and said the claims were "an over-simplification resulting from summarizing very complicated evidence". It said it had now voluntarily changed it policies.

Man accused of abduction

A man aged 46 was remanded in custody for a week by Birmingham magistrates yesterday charged with abducting two schoolboys.

Kenneth Nairn, of Tarrant Grove, Quinton, Birmingham was accused of abducting the boys, aged 12 and 14, between February 2 and 5. He is also charged with indecently assaulting them.

Nairn, a chef, was arrested in Bury, Lancashire on Saturday.

Accused 'joined in Blakelock attack'

A teenager accused of murdering PC Keith Blakelock was seen pushing his way into a mob which was hacking the officer to death during riots at Tottenham, north London, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The accused youth, now aged 15, was shouting "Out of my way" as he forced his way into the centre of the 30-strong crowd circling PC Blakelock on the Broadwater Farm Estate, an eye witness said.

Mr Jason Cobham, aged 18, who admitted throwing bricks at the police during the disturbances, was giving evidence for the prosecution on the fourteenth day of the trial of six people, including three juveniles, accused of the murder of PC Blakelock, riotous assembly and affray.

Mr Cobham said: "There was quite a bit of commotion and people jumping about. I went to see what was happening and I got to the edge of the crowd." He saw the accused youth, whom he had known previously, together with the youth's brother and a third person, force their way into the crowd.

Mr Cobham said he realized what was going on when he heard a youth shout, "We have got a pig down". He saw two youths go into the crowd, one with a vegetable knife and the other with a hammer.

Mr Cobham said he had not seen any weapons being used, and had not seen the officer on the ground. He did not take part in the attack, and had left the scene and did not return to the estate that night.

Mr Cobham denied a suggestion by Mr Michael Mansfield, for the accused youth, that he had not been at the scene during the attack. He denied he was afraid of "repurcussions" if he admitted he had not been there, but admitted he was living in accommodation paid for by the police, who had given him spending money

The six on trial, Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm Estate, Mark Braithwaite, aged 20, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington, Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Finsbury House, Partridge Way, Wood Green, and three juveniles, two aged 15 and one aged 16, all deny the charges.

The youth aged 16 denies making petrol bombs and throwing one at a police officer. Raghip denies providing bottles for petrol bombs.

The case continues today.

Call for family doctors to undergo inspection

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government has been urged to set up an inspectorate to check on the standards of care patients get from their family doctors.

The College of Health called yesterday for a body similar to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools to be established and inspect practices once every four years.

In its evidence to the Government's Green Paper on primary health care, the college says that the practices should be inspected for: the availability of doctors and other health care staff to patients; the quality of medical records; the existence of age/sex registers and call and recall systems; the immunization rate for childhood diseases and the methods for issuing repeat prescriptions.

It argues that a good practice allowance, recommended in the paper, is not the way to improve primary health care.

The college says the inspectorate staff should include experienced GPs.

It would also like to see special funding to enable practices to offer preventive and educational services such as well-woman clinics and groups to help people stop smoking.

Miss Marianne Rigge, director of the college, said: "If extra money is to be made available it would make better sense to ensure that priority is given to improving practice where the standards are lowest."

Pair 'sold heroin to pop star'

Two alleged heroin suppliers fastened on to Boy George, the pop singer, "like leeches", Knightsbridge Crown Court, west London, was told yesterday.

Steven Luben, aged 35, and Diane Feiner, aged 34, supplied the singer with heroin from their west London basement flat and other places, Mr David Bate, for the prosecution, said.

Boy George had at first experimented with small quantities of the drug but later had to undergo neuro-electric therapy. "What started as an occasional use by Bob George became a habit. What became a habit turned inexorably into an addiction, an addiction fed by Luben's supply," Mr Bate said.

He said: "Mr Luben and Miss Feiner fastened on to Boy George like leeches, supplying him mainly from their flat in the basement of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, and other places."

Mr Bate said in late 1985 Boy George was, "a world famous pop star performing in this country and abroad with his group, Culture Club. At that time he was taking heroin in very small quantities on an infrequent basis."

Miss Feiner had introduced Boy George to Mr Luben, her boyfriend, who had given him some heroin, which he "snorted". "Within a short time Boy George was phoning them up for more and was being charged £50 for half a gram."

Mr Bate said: "Boy George was a likely target for these two because his wealth was such that he could pay."

He said: "By July 1986, George was so heavily addicted that he was receiving neuro-electric therapy. He wore a small battery-operated stimulator and had electrodes attached behind his ears."

Mr Bate said Miss Feiner and Mr Luben had "developed a lucrative connection in the sale of heroin to people involved in the pop music business, and that the pop star, Marilyn, a friend of George's, was one of their associates".

The couple deny conspiring to supply heroin to other persons between October 1 1985 and July 9 1986. Miss Feiner further denies conspiring with Mr Luben and others to supply cocaine to other persons between the same dates.

A third defendant, Anna Tinmanng, aged 28, of Alwyne Road, Islington, north London, faces two charges of supplying heroin to Boy George.

The case continues today.

Sentencing policy

MPs press for tough action

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government faces mounting pressure today to demonstrate that its proposals are tough enough to tackle too-lenient sentences, in the wake of the Ealing vicarage rape case.

Both Conservative and Labour MPs are denouncing the proposals as inadequate and will be pressing alternative solutions during the committee debate on the Criminal Justice Bill.

The debate takes place amid a rising tide of opinion in favour of tough sentences for crimes such as rape.

Yesterday senior judges in the Court of Appeal made clear that they want tough penalties imposed when they upheld heavy sentences on two youths in a rape attack on a teenage virgin.

Referring to the Lord Chief Justice's rape guidelines, Mr Justice French said that courts should bear in mind the impact on victims of "violent and wicked" sex attacks when deciding sentence.

The judge upheld sentences of eight years' youth custody imposed on Mark Williams, aged 18, for rape, indecent assault and falsely imprisoning the girl, aged 17, in a flat in Lambeth, south London.

He also upheld four years' youth custody on Nigel Kwatia, aged 18, for aiding and abetting rape, with an extra three years for robbery, false imprisonment and theft.

Opposition MPs are calling for the Lord Chief Justice to set up a committee of judges to have the job of reviewing too-lenient sentences.

Six MPs, led by Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, have tabled a new clause to the Bill for the creation of a committee of senior high court or crown court judges to "consider and review sentencing policy" and issue guidelines.

The Government is also under attack from backbench Conservative MPs who say their proposals do not go far enough.

Those would empower the Attorney General to refer cases raising an issue of public importance to the Court of Appeal for a statement of principle to guide judges in future cases.

But the court will not be able to increase sentences. Conservative backbenchers, led by Mr Kenneth Hinds, MP for Lancashire, are pressing for the prosecution to have the right to appeal over too-lenient sentences and for a Court of Appeal power to increase them.

Yesterday Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, vigorously defended the Government proposals as the right solution.

He said that they were "a constitutional way of ensuring we can resolve arguments about lenient sentences which do raise issues of public importance; the alternative is to let the outcry die away, with no one having learnt any lessons for the future".

The Government also had "very serious reservations" about a prosecution right of appeal which could result in heavier sentences.

The Government had to strike a right balance and despite support from the Lord Chief Justice, among others, for the prosecution right of appeal most people thought it an "over-elaborate response."

£60m plan for shops in Belfast

By Richard Ford

Plans for a £60 million shopping and office complex in Belfast were unveiled yesterday. It is the latest in a number of developments aimed at revitalizing the city centre.

Funding problems which have delayed the start of work on the site, have been resolved with a scheme from the Government to provide £5 million for additional car parking, road improvements and environmental changes to the area.

The complex will include 80 shopping units, a department store, parking for 1,600 vehicles and 170,000 sq ft of office space when it is completed in 1990.

The delays the project has suffered indicate the difficulty still faced by the Government in persuading outside investors to go to Belfast, in spite of the fact that its image has been transformed by investments of £90 million during the past two years.

But the rapid transformation of the city has alarmed the Provisional IRA which is concerned at the "normalization", and has resumed its bombing campaign in commercial areas.

Court lost for words without interpreter

The start of fraud and theft committal proceedings at Ulverston magistrates court, Cumbria, against Mr Roger Fisher, a racehorse trainer, were delayed yesterday because an Arabic-speaking interpreter was lost on a local bus 2½ hours after boarding it for the for the 30-mile journey from Lancaster.

Mr Fisher is accused of stealing the £60,000 hurdler Ekbalco from Tawfiq Shakir Fakhouri, an Arab racing enthusiast, and obtaining stabling and training fees of many thousands of pounds by deception from Mr Fakhouri and a Mr Mohammed Saify.

Just before the opening of the hearing Mr Fisher, aged 44, of Great Head House, Priory Road, Ulverston, was charged with stealing a second racehorse, Mister Teddy in 1979.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Fatal riot blamed on Italians

A soccer fan facing extradition to Belgium yesterday blamed the 39 deaths at the Heysel Stadium in May 1985 on Italian supporters.

Terry Wilson, aged 29, a fruit market worker, said: "The Italians died because they started it."

Mr Wilson, interviewed after the riot, told police that Juventus fans attacked a small group of Liverpool supporters. He claimed British youths tore down a fence and charged in "to help their mates".

Mr Wilson, of Norville Road, Broad Green, Liverpool, told officers he threw a brick at Belgian police after he was hit by a truncheon. But he denied punching a man aged 60, in the Juventus section.

When shown a picture of himself armed with a plastic pipe, he said: "It looks like me, but I can't remember hitting any old fellah. I was one of the first over the fence.

"I saw some lad being done by a big Italian. He was in his early 20s and I hit him. The trouble lasted about one and a half minutes. We could see some Italians had sticks and knives, but when we ran in they just ran away.

"I have fought in the past when the other side starts it. I just go to sing and watch the match."

Mr Steven McDonald, another of the 26 people facing extraditon, said the atmosphere before the European Cup final was "joyous". Mr McDonald, aged 19, of Elgin Court, Rainhill, Merseyside, said: "We had a friendly game of football with Juventus fans and I wore a Juventus hat".

The fans are accused of the manslaugher of Mr Mario Ronchi, a Juventus fan. The hearing continues today.

Police welfare

Counsellors stand by after shooting

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A Scotland Yard counselling service is on standby to help any of the four officers placed on sick leave after the death of a man shot as he brandished a gun during a robbery last week.

So far none of the four has shown any problems over what they feel was a professional job done in a professional manner, but senior officers, knowing of the risks of stress, took the precaution of resting them.

The counselling service is part of a growing recognition by police and the Home Office that the more dramatic ingredients of a policeman's job can produce severe stress and long-term problems. Research published in 1985 placed police second only to miners in terms of stress faced at work.

Three days before Dennis Bergin was shot by a police sergeant in the foyer of the Sir John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, last Friday, a Home Office report on police and firearms recommended that chief constables include in their contingency plans counselling programmes for policemen involved in shootings.

The Metropolitan Police and forces in the West Midlands and West Yorkshire have all started schemes for police involved with shootings, major disorders and disasters.

Counselling was, for example, provided in London for Inspector Douglas Lovelock, the officer who shot Mrs Cherry Groce during a raid on her Brixton home.

The London scheme began last year with a civilian staff led by Mr Kenneth Rivers, a former London chief superintendent. The counsellors, who go on a two-week training course with British Telecom, said to be a leader in welfare services, can refer officers to professional psychiatrists at St Thomas' Hospital.

Police may suffer from a range of problems, such as "performance guilt" where they feel they failed in some way no matter how well they did their jobs, or a form of "reconstruction anxiety" where something triggers flashbacks of the incident. They may also suffer some form of resentment, irritability or a lack of motivation.

The Americans have done considerable research into the problems faced by police but little has been done in Britain on gun incidents. However, Dr Douglas Duckworth, of Leeds University, did a study of police stress after the fire at Bradford City's football ground during which more than 50 people were killed.

Dr Duckworth, a consultant psychologist, said it was impossible to predict how people would react

Some officers could take things in their stride feeling that what had happened was unpleasant but had to be done. Others may suffer temporary shock but settle down after several days, but others may suffer "post traumatic stress disorder" where something had disturbed them and would continue to do so.

Five held on remand after shooting at museum

Five men appeared in court yesterday accused of plotting a raid at a London museum during which a man was shot dead by police.

They were arrested last Friday after a police surveillance operation at the Sir John Soane's museum in Lincoln's Inn Fields, central London.

They are charged with conspiring to rob the curator, warden and staff of the museum, and of possessing a sawn-off shotgun on February 6, with intent to commit robbery.

Dennis Bergin, aged 26, was shot in the chest by a police sergeant and later died, in spite of emergency surgery at St Bartholemew's Hospital. One of the alleged robbers in court yesterday was his brother, George Bergin, aged 23, of Ealing, west London.

The others were Lee Frailing, aged 22, of Northolt, west London; Michael Lyons, aged 26, of Hanwell, West London; and William McSkimmings, aged 27, and Derek Smith, aged 22, both of Gainsborough Towers, Northolt.

They were remanded in custody until Thursday when they will appear at Lambeth magistrates court.

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MPs and the wasted trees

Mr John Biffen's main task as Leader of the Commons is to arrange the business of the House.

But he has some other, minor, responsibilities and these led him to face questions on the admission of the public to the Strangers' Gallery, office space for MPs and their secretaries, the type of paper MPs should use for their correspondence, whether the order paper should be redesigned, and even how many bedrooms there are in the Palace of Westminster.

At question time he managed to avoid answering almost all these questions, particularly the one about bedrooms and the use to which they were put. "Not without notice of that question, which merits being considered in its own right", he said.

He resisted pressure from Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab), who wanted MPs to use recycled paper. He pointed out that five years ago a select committee had looked into this and it was decided that recycled waste would not be acceptable for members' stationery; he did not believe that that view would have changed.

Mr Janner said that they should be setting an example to the environmentalists. How many trees did Mr Biffen think would be saved if they used recycled paper?

Mr Biffen said that he could not answer that "without a great deal of notice".

If he wanted to save forests, Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) suggested, he might start with the order paper. Tomorrow's contains five pages of identical questions for answer by the Prime Minister. All ask her to list her official engagements for the day.

Mr Biffen: Prime Minister's question time is of such great value to the Conservative Party, particularly in the pre-election period, that I would wish to do nothing to interfere with it.

When Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) complained that his office was so far from the Chamber that he had to sit on a corridor floor to deal with his correspondence, Mr Biffen said that this was just what he did 25 years ago.

Workshop for small businesses

The Church Commissioners have just completed a workshop and studio development in Hackney, east London, specially designed to meet the needs of small businesses. This would help promote employment in the area, Sir William van Straubenzee, the Second Church Estates Commissioner, representing the Church Commissioners, said during question time in the Commons.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C): What sort of people will be taking up these premises and are the Church Commissioners planning to extend the principle to other parts of the nation?

Sir William van Straubenzee: The tenants include a printer, interior designer and a photographic firm. There is no immediate plan for another such development because each case has to be looked at carefully.

The situation varies in different parts of the country. A project in Gateshead is not for small businesses at all, involving the additional employment of 6,000 people and that is making a big contribution to employment in that area.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on housing and homelessness.

Lords (2.30): Family Law Reform Bill, third reading. Local Government Finance Bill, second reading.

Mr John Biffen (left) and his busy questioners, Mr Harry Greenway (centre) and Mr Greville Janner.

Sinn Fein visit under fire

WALES

A decision by the Welsh Language Society, Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg, to invite members of Sinn Fein to Wales was critized during Welsh questions in the Commons.

Mr Wynn Roberts, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, told MPs: "I can only warn them that ill company is like a dog. It dirts them most it loves best."

He had been asked to comment on the visit by **Mr Keith Best** (Ynys Mon, C), who asked how the promotion of the Welsh language would be assisted by the most regrettable decision of the Welsh Language Society. Surely, it should be condemned.

Mr Roberts: I do not think it will help at all.

Earlier he said that Government expenditure on the Welsh language in 1986-87 for each Welsh-speaking resident aged three years and over was expected to be £6.42p.

That did not include about £14 million spent by local education authorities on bilingual education or support amounting to about £34 million for S4C, the Welsh language television channel.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that, despite all this expenditure, the use of minority languages, whether Welsh, Gaelic or Gujarati, was a divisive factor (cries of "rubbish").

Mr Roberts said that the Government did not accept that Welsh was in inexorable decline. In fact, it was doing everything possible to promote it.

"It is the oldest language still spoken in the United Kingdom and I think most MPs on all sides of the House would agree with the Government's policy of promoting its survival."

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) asked for an assurance that, in view of the consultation about a new Welsh Language Act, his announcements to the press in the past couple of weeks were not a delaying ploy. Would he introduce a White Paper of the Government's intentions early after the consulation?

Mr Roberts said that six months had been allowed for the consultation period. He was concerned that only 10 per cent of the bodies to whom consultation papers had been sent had replied by a week or so ago. There were about eight weeks to go until the end of the consultation period.

Mr Barry Jones (Alyn and Deeside, Lab) said that the consensus in Wales was that they all wanted the language to prosper. There should be a new Welsh Language Act.

Mr Roberts said it was easy to call for a new Welsh Language Act without giving substantive reasons. That was why the Government was consulting the public.

● Concern about the fire risk facing people in multi-occupied accommodation was expressed by a number of MPs during Welsh question time in the Commons.

One Labour MP pressed the Government not to block his private member's Bill, down for second reading on Friday and aimed at alleviating the problem.

The exchanges opened with **Mr Brynmor John** (Pontypridd, Lab), who said that the inadequacy of the present law was tragically demonstrated in his constituency last year.

He urged the Government to take action in three areas. He suggested that the inspection of multi-occupied property should be a duty on local authorities and not a mere power.

Second, anyone displaced from property where fire precautions were found to be inadequate should be in the priority category of homeless. Third, owners of such property, who benefited by many thousands of pounds, should have strict duties placed upon them to ensure that there was a proper degree of safety.

Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said that he believed that local authorities had adequate powers under existing laws and he urged them to use those powers. "There are duties in relation to fire safety precautions which local authorities are obliged to follow."

On the point about ownership, there were obligations and it was for local authorities to see that they were carried out.

He had said earlier that he had asked his officials to consult urgently local authorities and other relevant bodies with a view to stimulating practical initiatives to bring about improved safety and other standards in such accommodation.

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd, C) said that not all local authorities fully accepted his contention that their powers were adequate. Would Mr Robinson look at this.

Mr Robinson said that he would.

Mr Roy Hughes, an Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that one of the best means of countering the hazards of multi-occupancy was to allow local authorities to build up their depleted housing stock.

That would have the social benefit of allowing people to live in decent homes.

Mr Robinson: There are no restrictions on local authorities in terms of expanding their housing stock. That is a matter for their priorities.

Food for needy 'no substitute for reform'

AGRICULTURE

The recent EEC decision to make intervention stocks available to provide fresh food for needy people was no substitute for fundamental reform of the common agricultural policy, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C) had asked if when he met leaders of the farmers' union in Wales on Tuesday night he would say how much he welcomed the decision.

A report in yesterday's *Sunday Times* had described the scheme as "pie in the sky" and it had been called inadequate and ill-thought-out.

Would the minister have early discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture to see how the scheme could be improved, the bureaucracy removed and the matter better publicized?

Mr Edwards said that the scheme was hastily put together and was causing administrative problems. The food was being distributed through long-established voluntary organizations well equipped to do it and the Welsh Office was keeping in close touch with those organizations about the mechanisms for distributing the food.

Mr Geraint Howells (Ceredigion and North Pembroke, L): Will he confirm or deny reports in the national press over the weekend that the Tory Party intend to take 85 per cent of agricultural land out of production to build houses and for afforestration?

Mr Edwards: The speculation is unadulterated nonsense. I observe that the chairman of the National Farmers' Union has described the agricultural policy of the Alliance as a total disaster for British farming, the greatest catastrophe it is likely to face in this century.

Swedish and German examples recommended to Government

NUCLEAR WASTE

The examples set by the Swedish and West German governments in dealing with the disposal of radioactive waste were ones to be followed, Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) said when opening a debate on his private member's motion on nuclear waste disposal.

He said that the British Government had not yet addressed itself seriously to the problem. There had been no proper evaluation of the alternative methods of disposing of low-level waste. The method adopted, shallow burial, had been rejected in other countries.

His motion noted the view that there were better technical alternatives than those presented by UK Nirex for the disposal of such wastes and that these might also be used for intermediate-level waste.

A delegation from local councils in Humberside, Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire that had visited Sweden and West Germany had been most impressed by the far-sighted view taken by the Swedish people.

They had spared neither effort nor expense in coming to terms with the problem. The Swedish authorities had decided to pay the greatest attention to deep-seated public concern and had come up with a demonstrably acceptable and safe solution.

In West Germany, it was apparent that the anxieties of the people were taken very seriously.

A figure of £125 million had been quoted as the cost of the Forsmark deep-burial system in Sweden. "I do not think that the cost of £125 million is a price we cannot afford to pay."

So long as there were nuclear power stations there would be the problem of low-level nuclear waste disposal. The Labour Party's policy for decommissioning such stations would mean even more waste having to be dealt with.

"If one adds in the cost of losing industrial development on prime industrial land and the provision of jobs this entails, then the cost is even greater", he said.

The Swedish experience involved a much better way of ensuring that nuclear waste was not disposed of in centres of population. It was wrong to dump waste in such areas.

In tackling the problem it was important to use the time available, perhaps 10 years, to come up with the right ideas and to draw on experiences from abroad, particularly from the United States, which had shallow burial facilities and where the Administration had decided that they did not meet the new criteria requirements.

"We are a country out of line. Others do their best to allay public fears and meet public objections; our Government seems intent on simply saying, 'this is what we are going to do, we will try to meet public opinion if we can, but if we cannot, too bad'."

UK Nirex were now test drilling on four sites, but there had been no indication of what progress had been made or of the likely timescale before a decision was announced. In the meantime these areas were blighted and there were a large number of people desperately worried about which site would draw the unlucky short straw.

There was a suggestion that UK Nirex might select two possibles sites and if this was so, would there be two public inquiries. Would they be held toegther, or would they be held in the areas involved?

It was important to know the scope of an inquiry. Would the minister ensure that the inquiry inspector considered safety questions and not just the planning considerations? Would the inspector be able to consider alternative methods of nuclear waste disposal?

It was essential that the Government gave a formal commitment that, in the event of the inspector's not being satisfied on safety grounds, it would not proceed with the proposed method of disposal.

Compensation should be made available now for those at the four sites who found themselves unable to sell their houses or whose property values had been depressed.

UK Nirex had claimed that their presence had not had any detrimental effect on local property markets, but that was not the experience of those living in the areas, or of estate agents. Property owners deserved some redress.

The prospect of finding a nuclear waste dump on their doorsteps was also deterring the influx of new industries despite at least one of the four sites having been given full development status by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C), chairman of the Select Committee on the Environment, said that his committee had urged that there should be more identification and monitoring of the material which went to Drigg, in Cumbria, the present storage site, to ensure that only short-life, low-level waste was stored there.

He was gratified that the Government had accepted the committee's recommendation that the near-surface facilities should only be used for low-level waste, and not for intermediate material. That was a great advance on previous policy.

The committee had not agreed with the view expressed elsewhere, that low-level waste should be disposed of in deep facilities. The problem was volume.

While low-level wastes were produced in the United Kingdom in the current great quantities, especially if Sellafield was continued, it was highly unlikely that deep disposal would be a practical solution.

He was a great believer in compensation. The committee believed that the nation must be generous in compensation.

They were talking about a community being requested to disadvantage itself for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

Sale of arms to Iran 'is in order'

Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, defended the sale of radar systems to Iran in the House of Lords yesterday, saying that it did not breach the Government's strict guidelines restricting the sale of defence equipment to Iran and Iraq.

He said Plessey was selling the equipment to be installed on permanent sites on Iran's northern and eastern borders facing the Soviet Union.

Cash warning for Wales

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, warned county councils in Wales who were planning expenditure that might lead to higher than average rate increases to think again. He said that if councils spent in line with the "generous" rate-support grant settlement that he intended to make for 1987-88, and allowing for the settlement of the teachers' pay dispute, the average rate increase in Wales should be in low single figures.

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport East, Lab) asked if he would name any factors which he thought would satisfy high increases.

Mr Edwards said there were no factors. It was within the power of local authorities to keep the rate bill down to very low single figures and in some cases to have reductions.

Hypothermia deaths 'rising'

It was frightening that the number of hypothermia deaths was increasing as a result of Government policy, Mr Raymond Powell (Ognore, Lab) said during question time, but Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, retorted that the highest figure for deaths in winter was in the last year of the last Labour Government.

Bill offers union rights

The House of Lords gave a first reading yesterday to the Takeover and Mergers (employees protection) Bill introduced by Baroness Turner of Camden (Lab).

Lady Turner, assistant general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said the Bill would give new rights of information and consultation to trade unions and employees caught up in takeovers, mergers, sales and transfers of companies.

House sales

More than 55,000 public sector homes have been sold in Wales since May 1979, Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State, Welsh Office, said during question time. The figure included 49,846 council homes, the remainder being sold by new town and housing associations.

Health help

The Special Health Authority to be set up to deal with health education matters in Wales will be given £1.2 million in its first year by the Government, Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

Grants met

Bids by Welsh local authorities for the Homes Insulation Scheme have been met in full, Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions. The sums allocated were £2,700,000 for 1986-87 and £2,300,000 for 1987-88.

Edwards may fight for Airbus aid

If there was a good case for launch aid in the British Aerospace Airbus project he would fight for it, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said during question time in the Commons.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, had asked him to back to the hilt an application by British Aerospace for £750 million launch aid over six years for the new family of Airbus A330 and A340.

"I want him to fight his corner in Cabinet because the project needs Government cash; it does not want City cash with strings. If British Aerospace withdraws from the airbus industry, the United Kingdom will lose its capability for civil aircraft production.

"I ask him to say without a shadow of a doubt he is going to fight his corner in Cabinet for a great industry in Wales."

Mr Edwards: I think British Aerospace will be amazed by his assurance that they do not want City finance. I would have thought they would reject that suggestion out of hand.

I note what he says about the merits of the proposal and the Government will consider all these arguments in the appropriate way and will make an announcement at the appropriate time.

Dr John Marek (Wrexham, Lab): Will he answer the question and say whether he will fight in Cabinet, or is he thinking of his future life in the City when he leaves this House? [Mr Edwards does not intend to stand at the next election.]

Mr Edwards: Whenever I think there is a good case I fight for it. It is clear from many things which have been said in recent weeks, whatever criticisms may be made of me, no one argues that I do not do that.

Zircon inquiry is demanded

SATELLITE

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) is to consider a suggestion by **Mr Dale Campbell-Savours** (Workington, Lab) that the Comptroller and Auditor General might have been misled about the amount of money committed to the Zircon project, and whether his having been misled meant that the Commons, of which he was now an officer, had also been misled.

Mr Campbell-Savours was frequently heckled by Conservative MPs as he rehearsed various versions which had been published of the extent to which Government funds had been committed to the project.

He said: "When ministers reply to the Comptroller and Auditor General and provide evidence for him to enable him to carry out his functions of audit and certification of value for money, the replies are a matter for the Speaker because the CAG is an officer of the House."

There was divergence in that the Ministry of Defence said that the project had not incurred a large amount, while other people outside said it had incurred several hundred million pounds.

"The CAG supports the Government position at this stage, and it is incumbent on you, Mr Speaker, to satisfy yourself, defending the interest of Parliament, that the CAG is being correctly informed about the amount of money the Government has spent on this project. Will you do precisely that?"

The Speaker: Yes, I will.

Greenwich by-election

Wide powers for a women's minister

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A Labour government would not only install a minister for women in the Cabinet but would also give that minister power to monitor all other government departments, local councils and health authorities.

Outlining the post in those terms, Miss Jo Richardson, Labour's spokesman on women's rights, said yesterday during the Greenwich by-election campaign that if the women's minister was not a woman there would be an outcry. She also said that the ministry would not simply be a Whitehall department.

"We will probably have about ten regional units throughout the country, properly staffed. They will not only be responsible to the minister but will have an advisory group of womens groups locally."

The first full week of the by-election campaign opened with the SDP/Liberal Alliance and the Conservatives effectively fighting an elimination contest to see which can begin squeezing the other's vote and come through as the clear challenger to the incumbent Labour Party and its candidate Mrs Deirdre Wood.

In that respect the campaign of Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate, suffered a psychological blow with the revelation of the resignation letter from Mr Tim Ford, the previous Alliance candidate, who withdrew in September last year.

In a letter written then to the SDP's area secretary, although he gave personal and business reasons among the causes for his resignation, it is now disclosed that one important reason was that the area party was intending to fight no more than a token campaign in Greenwich at the general election.

It was apparently intending to concentrate almost all its resources instead on helping Mr John Cartwright, the Alliance defence spokesman and SDP Chief Whip, to retain his seat in Woolwich next door.

Mr Ford's letter said that the support he was entitled to expect "has not been entirely available" and added: "I would be most unhappy doing what I have been asked to do – namely to stand as a 'paper' candidate".

His determination to fight all out to win, he wrote on September 4, would "create difficulties for the policy which the committee wishes to follow and this would inevitably be divisive".

With the Alliance desperately anxious to achieve sufficient momentum to move past the Conservatives and to convince its potential supporters that it can win the by-election Mr Ford's letter was clearly a bitter blow.

Mrs Barnes admitted candidly that until Greenwich had become a by-election she had been hoping simply to manage all the razzmatazz she could "on a shoestring" with the main effort going into supporting Mr Cartwright.

But all that had changed and SDP national agent, Mr Alec McGivan, said yesterday that if the Alliance won or came close to winning Greenwich in the by-election then it would become, like Woolwich, one of their target seats with a full allocation of resources at the general election.

The SDP attack was concentrated yesterday on Mrs Wood's record on the Ilea.

The former Ilea member, Mrs Anne Sofer, said that Mrs Wood did not follow the policies of her party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, ignoring his appeal to Labour councillors not to break the law by refusing to make a rate and not to push up council spending in the hope of being bailed out by a Labour government. Mrs Wood, she said, had voted in contradiction of that advice both in the Ilea and in the GLC.

The Conservative candidate, Mr John Antcliffe, was supported yesterday by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who went to Greenwich to launch an attack on Labour's defence policies.

Sir Geoffrey said that arms negotiations had resumed in Geneva because the Nato allies had maintained their strength. "If the unilateralist-neutralist policies of the kind advocated by the Labour Party had been followed the East-West dialogue would still be silent.

"Labour's policy on the nuclear deterrent and the removal of American bases from this country would shatter the North Atlantic Alliance and gravely weaken Western defences."

Sir Geoffrey added: "Leaders of the Labour Party, in thrall to the hard left of their party frankly cannot discuss defence excpet in terms which make even our friends shudder".

A vote for Labour was a vote to destabilize the prospects of peace and a vote for the Alliance was an indirect way of achieving the same result. "If they held the balance of power it would be a recipe for inertia – the damp hand of ambiguity laid upon Britain's future."

General election: N G Barnett (Lab), 13,361; A Rolfe (C), 12,150; T Ford (SDP/All), 8,783; I Dell (BNP), 259; R Mallone (Fellowship), 242; Miss F Hook (Comm), 149. Lab maj: 1,211.

Sir Geoffrey Howe (left) and Mr John Antcliffe, the Tory candidate, at the by-election campaign press conference in Greenwich yesterday.

MP is refused entry to nuclear site

When Labour's shadow Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Denzil Davies, arrived to examine a proposed site for the dumping of nuclear waste in a former naval dockyard yesterday, he was turned away at the gate.

Mr Davies arrived at the gate of Chatham Dockyard expecting to be taken to the controversial site.

Nuclear waste is already stored at the base, but fears of further dumping have outraged local people.

After he was turned away, Mr Davies said: "They were not prepared to allow me to go in on this occasion, but they did say that if I put another application in they would consider it".

Mr Davies said he did not know why he was turned away, adding: "There were no reasons. The man on the gate didn't have any reasons. I'm not blaming him; he was only carrying out orders."

He added: "What I am upset about is what is actually happening. The Ministry of Defence has decided to dump nuclear waste in the old Chatham Dockyard.

"We are here to protest about that."

Mr Ron Dawe, a Ministry of Defence technical officer at Chatham Dockyard, said: "No one told us Denzil Davies was coming, so we didn't let him in".

Holiday thoughts for MPs

By Our Political Reporter

An all-party Commons committee will publish a report today calling for a fixed parliamentary calendar so that MPs can plan their holidays.

While the suggestion is likely to be warmly received on the back benches, it will equally certainly be resisted by the Government and the Opposition leadership.

Under the present system, the dates of recesses are announced at the eleventh hour depending on the weight of legislative business. Thus in recent years the summer recess has begun as early as July 23 and as late as August 8, with particularly disastrous consequences for the family life of Scottish MPs whose children traditionally return to school in mid-August.

The report, by the Select Committee on Procedure, is likely to recommend the introduction of fixed periods for the Christmas, Easter and spring breaks and, by limiting their length, a guarantee that the House will rise a week before the end of July each summer.

Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the House, and Mr Peter Shore, the shadow leader, made plain in evidence to the committee that that would deprive the government of the day of valuable flexibility.

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Sex parties at the House of Cyn were just 'harmless fun'

Listening to intimate details of other people's sexual activities was not pleasant and might have seemed sordid, but the sex parties at the "House of Cyn" were harmless fun, Inner London Crown Court was told yesterday.

"What was served up at Mrs Payne's parties may not have been your cup of tea. Sex to most people is an entirely private and intimate matter, and to talk about it is taboo," Mr David Spens said in his closing speech for the defence.

Other people's actions were not attractive, particularly when it involved prostitutes, he said. "The activity at 32 Ambleside Avenue may have seemed unpleasant, distasteful, and sordid when served up in this courtroom on a cold plate.

"But the men who attended these parties got what they wanted. They paid the prostitutes, and you may think that as far as they were concerned it must have been fun, and probably quite a lot of fun.

"The only unfortunate thing for three of them is that they were caught with their trousers down."

Mrs Payne, aged 53, of Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south-west London, denies nine charges of controlling prostitutes at her home between December 1985 and May 1986.

Mr Spens said that the jury must have been "punch drunk" after hearing evidence from Police Constable Stuart Taylor who infiltrated three of Mrs Payne's parties. "It was three parties' worth of sex: A sort of sexual marathon," Mr Spens said.

He said he did not want to make light of the case; Mrs Payne took the matter very seriously. He asked the jury not to fall into the trap of being "censorious, moralistic or hypocritical".

Everyone at the parties was a consenting adult. "What went on at Ambleside Avenue may or may not have been sordid, but what harm did it do?" he asked.

"There was no coercion, no compulsion and no corruption of the young. What was going on in the House of Cyn, as it is so called, would seem to be pretty normal, commonplace, ordinary, heterosexual sex between men and prostitutes."

Mr Spens said that Mrs Payne did not believe she was running a brothel or controlling prostitutes but had simply allowed her house to be used for sex parties.

Earlier Mrs Payne was described as a persistent law breaker who had never quite been able to give up her old life as a madam.

Mr Tony Longden, for the prosecution, said: "The crown submits to you that this lady, who many people think has got her qualities, was and still is a persistent flouter of the law.

Mr Longden said it was necessary that the police used a "device out of the ordinary" to infiltrate Mrs Payne's parties —referring to two policemen who posed as businessmen to attend the parties.

The jury would have to weigh the evidence of the two experienced officers against Mrs Payne over whether money changed hands.

"What you make of these two officers is absolutely crucial. There has been a lot of what we lawyers call hard swearing in this case. It is a euphemism for lying," he said.

Judge Brian Pryor, QC, warned the jury in his summing up that the case was a criminal trial, not a form of entertainment.

The case continues today.

Mr Dennis Copplestone, an out of work gardener, is now a fitter's mate at the museum (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Rail museum steams ahead with jobs

More than 130 long-term unemployed people are helping to maintain and rebuild steam locomotives at Birmingham Railway Museum under a government-sponsored community programme which isso successful that two Downing Street economic advisers have been to see how it works. The scheme offers 12 months' work to those who have been unemployed for more than a year and to youngsters who want to learn a skill. The average wage of £90 to £100 a week is paid largely by the Government. Older unemployed people are taken on to pass on skills to young people. Engineering, carpentry and computer programming in the museum's offices are among those being taught. Old steam engines at the museum, which was established in 1969, are stripped down and restored to working order ready for regular tourist trips on mainline tracks. Mr Pat Whitehouse, a museum trustee, who is in charge of the scheme, said: "It brings the long-term jobless back to life and offers them a chance for the future." About 70 per cent later find full-time work. One apprentice has moved to a job on the Severn Valley Steam Railway. Mr Dennis Copplestone, aged 56, a former gardener, was out of work for three years before joining the scheme as a fitter's mate in November. "I come from a railway family so I like the work and I am getting more money than on the dole", he said.

Decision soon on future of RAF ace

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Squadron Leader Mark Hare, the RAF fighter pilot who has publicly complained about being grounded and prevented from leaving the service, will know the result of his appeal this week.

He was interviewed yesterday by Air Vice Marshal John Walker, the senior air staff officer at Strike Command, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, but senior officers thought it was unlikely that an exception would be made to the rule that pilots wishing to leave must first serve three years in a ground-based job.

Squadron Leader Hare, aged 31, is one of the RAF's leading Harrier pilots. He began his attempt to leave the service after being posted to a desk job from a squadron in Germany.

He accused the RAF of "vindictively and cynically" ruining his service flying career and hopes of a civilian airline job by keeping him out of the air for three years.

The RAF has defended its three-year rule by saying it takes that long to train a replacement.

Squadron Leader Hare was told yesterday that he was in breach of Queen's Regulations by speaking out publicly.

Pensioners in tax war test case

By Kenneth Gosling

The Inland Revenue is taking a retired couple to court today in an attempt to recover taxes they claim have been withheld as a protest against the defence budget.

It is seen as a test case by the Peace Tax Campaign which has 20 of its 3,000 members withholding or diverting taxes.

Mr Arthur Windsor, aged 69, and his wife, Ursula, aged 62, of Gloucester, have been withholding part of their taxes for several years on the grounds of their refusal to contribute to defence spending.

The Inland Revenue will, for the first time, be seeking to deduct part of the Windsors' pension through an attachment of earnings order, when the case opens at Gloucester Crown Court.

The peace campaign said: "The bailiffs have been round to their house several times and their car has been taken away. Last March Arthur spent 21 days in jail over his refusal to pay part of his taxes."

Man burnt hall of wife's sect

A man burnt down a Jehovah's Witness hall, causing more than £46,000 in damage, after an argument with his wife, a court was told yesterday.

Christopher Robin Richmond felt threatened when his wife became a Jehovah's Witness 10 years ago, Southampton Crown Court was told. He was worried that their two young daughters would be drawn into the religion.

One night last year, he drove to the hall, poured petrol over it and burnt it down.

Richmond, aged 40, a panel beater, of the Wicket, Dibden Purlien, Hampshire, pleaded guilty to arson and was jailed for 18 months. A plea of not guilty to arson on a house near by was accepted.

The court was told that the Jehovah's Witnesses used high pressure techniques of conversion and had an active wish to convert children of members of the sect.

Mr Jeremy Gibbons, for the defence, said the Richmonds' marriage was now over.

The hall will be rebuilt in two days in the spring by hundreds of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Future of Austin Rover: 2

Grooming for bids by private suitors

Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, plans to put Austin Rover on the road to recovery and and ultimate privatization. In the second of two articles, ***Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent,*** *looks at the troubled state-owned manufacturer.*

The £100 million privatization of Jaguar in 1984 worked better than anyone could have expected; the order book is now full and the share price has almost doubled.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher wants the remainder of the Rover Group, formerly BL, to go the same way, and it is the task Mr Graham Day was given when he became chairman of Rover last May.

With losses of £204 million in the first six months of 1986, Mr Day has sold subsidiaries and halted the cash drain from the worst loss makers. But Austin Rover will remain for some time the largest and toughest part of the Rover Group to sell off.

The hope is that the car maker will be back in profit by 1989. At present the company is losing a great deal of money, so it has cut £80 million from the £250 million investment in a new Metro model due for launch in 1990, and has decided to share the development costs on the mid-range AR8 models with Honda.

Mr Day's short-term aim is to fill unused production capacity and so spread the overheads more widely. Help will come this year in the form of orders for 27,000 Sterling (Rover 800) models for the United States and from building 11,000 Hondas under contract for the Japanese.

The tough job is to make Austin Rover viable and attractive to suitors, when it produces hardly any more cars than specialist manufacturers such as BMW and Mercedes, and is clearly too small to compete with the world's big companies.

Ford has tried once to merge with Austin Rover and its unrivalled dominance of the British market makes it an obvious candidate for a second, more subtle, approach.

"If the Thatcher Government comes back into power then it is a very open question. The basis of the merger talks last year was not to rationalize Austin Rover out of the market place, but to keep both companies and use their combined buying power on components," Professor Garel Rhyls, economic adviser to the Commons industry committee, says.

Mr Hall Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, and chairman of the all-party motor industry group, says: "The reality of the situation is that there has always been scope for rationalization on engines."

Mr Miller said Austin Rover's new 1-1.4 litre K series engine would be attractive to Ford, while Austin Rover does not have an engine to match Ford's 1.6 litre diesel. In the longer term, both need a new V6 engine for their executive models.

Honda's future relationship with Austin Rover is not easily spelt out. The Japanese are content to collaborate on a model-by-model basis with no strings between the two sides. But Honda would be offended if Austin Rover collaborated with another partner.

Chrysler, the United States' third biggest car maker, is the outsider which could come from behind when Austin Rover ultimately goes on sale.

In the 1970s, Chrysler retreated back across the Atlantic to get its house in order. Profits of $3 billion in the past two years confirm it has done that.

The state-owned car maker is clearly worth fighting for. It still commands 16 per cent of the third largest European market, exports could reach 150,000 cars this year, and Rover and MG are valuable prestige names.

Concluded

British Telecom offer to NCU(E) staff

The Executive of the Engineering Group of the National Communications Union (NCU-E) has informed BT that it would recommend acceptance and a return to work by its members on the basis of an outline offer which has emerged from exploratory discussions.

A formal offer on this basis will now be put to the Union.

Meanwhile, the Union is making arrangements for a ballot of its Engineering Group members on its recommendations, to be held on Wednesday 11 February. Subject to the ballot resulting in acceptance of the offer and agreement to return to work, arrangements for a phased return to work from 12 February are being separately agreed with the Union.

The Outline Offer:

BT is prepared to offer a single two year agreement, in full settlement of the 1986 and 1987 national claims, and providing for payments to all NCU engineering grades* as follows:

1. **With effect from 1 July 1986**, a consolidated increase on grade rates of 5.02%. This increase is associated with the efficiency measures described below which form part of the agreement. These measures arise out of the accords agreed in 1985, together with further measures agreed by the parties to be in the interests of the staff and to ensure better support and advice to customers.
2. **During the period April to June 1987**, a further consolidated increase of 0.8% on grade rates, payable on confirmation that a framework has been established in each Division and District for the introduction of the efficiency measures described below.
3. **With effect from 1 July 1987**, a further consolidated increase on grade rates of 4.75%, without conditions and in full settlement of all claims for improved pay and conditions in the 1987 pay year.
4. **With effect from 30 June 1988**, a further consolidated increase on grade rates of 1.6%. This increase is subject to confirmation by each Division and District that the efficiency measures described below have been implemented as specified in the agreement.

*Except for recruitment rates and age related scales for new entrants for 1 July 1988. The same increases will be payable to the cableship grades on acceptance of a separate package of changes.

The efficiency measures referred to are summarised as follows:

1. A new grading framework for engineering technical grades (ETGs), redefining jobs in broad terms of knowledge, proficiency and tasks, so that staff can carry out a wider and more flexible range of work within their existing skills.
2. Enabling all ETGs to undertake apparatus and equipment programming and Technical Officers (TOs) to take on basic computer programming.
3. Abolition of existing planning team ratios, leading to more flexible composition of planning teams suited to local circumstances.
4. Revision of Technical Officer (TO) pool arrangements according to local needs and circumstances.
5. Mixed hierarchical working – enabling engineering grades to work with staff represented by other Unions in teams with mixed skills under one manager to improve technical support and advice to customers.

BT is prepared to apply to the ancillary grades the same increases as those for ETGs on the understanding that the following efficiency measures are accepted by the ancillary grades:

1. The introduction of a new workshop assistant grade and revised job responsibilities for workshop supervisors in Motor Transport.
2. Revised working practices and more flexible grading arrangements for certain Supplies grades.

NCU-E has agreed that the above is a fair statement of the outline offer.

British Telecom trusts that this dispute can now be brought to a speedy end, so that we can get back to the job of serving our customers efficiently.

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WORLD SUMMARY

£1.5m aid for Mozambique

Maputo —Emergency aid of £1.5 million for famine-hit regions of Mozambique was announced in Maputo on behalf of the British Government by the Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Chris Patten, yesterday (Paul Vallely writes).

The announcement comes only days before Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund are due to launch an appeal in London which on Thursday will designate Mozambique an official emergency.

The new money will be split between the two charities and Unicef, and is in addition to the £5 million increase the Government recently announced in its contribution to Unicef, £2 million of which is already earmarked for the region.

Mr Patten arrived yesterday from Harare, where he had announced a £10 million increase in British aid to Zimbabwe.

'Staffing problems'

Washington — President Reagan met his top officials yesterday to discuss new domestic initiatives, but sources here suggest that recent personal and political setbacks have so demoralized the White House that it is increasingly hard to recruit top calibre officials to fill the posts of those now leaving (Michael Binyon writes).

Observers suggest that the President may be forced to turn to long-time friends and advisers to give a new sense of direction in his final two years in office. Commentators have mentioned Mr Stuart Spencer, a political adviser from California, though the White House said it knew of no plans for him to join the staff. Administration officials complain that the present disarray has led to a lack of co-ordination.

Script is seized

Delhi (AFP) — Indian detectives have seized a priceless 17th-century manuscript of the Koran from a fruit seller in Bangalore. It was smuggled to Dubai to be sold and returned when a price was not agreed.

The vendor claimed it was a family heirloom as he was a descendent of a court aristocrat of the Indian ruler, Tipu Sultan, and the Koran had passed to the ruler two centuries after it was written in 1688 by the ruling Mogul emperor Aurangzeb's calligraphist, Hafeez Habeebullah.

Kremlin betrayal

Vienna — In what seems to be a one-man campaign against Mr Gorbachov's talk of reform in the Soviet Union and other parts of the Eastern bloc, the Romanian leader, Mr Nicolae Ceausescu, yesterday continued to denounce developments there as a "betrayal of socialism" (Richard Bassett writes).

Papers have quoted extensively from his birthday speech, in which he criticized Mr Gorbachov. He seemed determined to remind Mr Gorbachov of the virtues of old-fashioned communism.

Sikh summons

Delhi (Reuter) — Punjab's growing political crisis yesterday moved to the inner sanctum of the Sikh faith when the religion's five high priests ordered Surjit Singh Barnala, Punjab's Chief Minister, to appear before them tomorrow to explain his defiance of their orders for him to resign.

The Press Trust of India said the priests ordered Sikhs all over the world to avoid "social relations" with the minister until he complied with their summons. It is not known whether he will answer the summons, but failure to do so will mean certain excommunication.

Dingo baby denial

Sydney — Mrs Lindy Chamberlain, left, the central figure in the so-called "dingo baby" case, went into the witness box yesterday for what must be her last chance to prove that she was wrongfully convicted of murdering her baby daughter, Azaria (Stephen Taylor writes).

She denied killing Azaria and said the birth of her daughter had been "the happiest day of my life". The case continues today.

Swiss seek extradition

Geneva — The Swiss Justice Ministry said yesterday that the extradition of Baroness Denise von Thyssen from Liechtenstein, where she has been held in jail since Friday, is *being sought on charges concerning "items" involved in the* settlement when she obtained a divorce from Baron Hans Heinrich von Thyssen-Bornemisza, one of the world's wealthiest men, in 1984 (Alan MacGregor writes). The charges include "unauthorized transfer of sequestrated property". The value of the items, which are believed to include jewellery, is put at about £2 million.

Worrall 'unhappy for months'

Split on policy led to envoy resigning

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's out-going Ambassador to Britain, Dr Dennis Worrall, disclosed yesterday that disagreements with two specific aspects of Pretoria's policy prompted his decision, announced on January 30, to resign.

In an interview with *Beeld*, one of the main Afrikaans daily newspapers, Dr Worrall also revealed that he had been unhappy for some months, and had first offered to resign as long ago as last May — during the visit to South Africa of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group — but had been persuaded to stay.

Dr Worrall said he had been offered the job of Ambassador to Washington on October 6 last year, but turned it down *for family reasons and because* he was "politically in low spirits". He had told the Government at the time that he would not object if they wanted to replace him in London.

It was Pretoria's negative response to the constitutional proposals of the so-called Natal *Indaba*, and to a report recommending relaxation of the Group Areas Act, which finally hardened his decision to resign, Dr Worrall said.

The *Indaba*, an all-race constitutional conference, at the end of November proposed a form of black majority rule in Natal tempered by devices to protect the cultural and political rights of whites and other minorities.

This was summarily rejected by Mr Stoffel Botha, the Minister of Home Affairs and leader of the ruling National Party (NP) in Natal.

Not long after, the Government acted to prevent publication of a report by the President's Council on the Group Areas Act which would have recommended allowing racially mixed residential areas to be formed on a voluntary basis.

"This was a big blow . . . these two matters were things that we abroad depended on a lot because we knew our friends regarded them as most important in the reform process," Dr Worrall told *Beeld*.

The *Beeld* interview was almost identical to one in the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper *Rapport* a day earlier. The interviews constitute the first public explanation by Dr Worrall of his reasons for resigning.

Dr Worrall did not vouchsafe to the two papers what he planned to do after his return to South Africa. It is rumoured that he intends to stand as an independent candidate in the white general election on May 6, possibly in a seat held by a Cabinet minister.

Suggestions that his resignation was a case of "sour grapes" because he had not been offered a ministerial portfolio or a good enough parliamentary constituency by the Government were "simply untrue", Dr Worrall said.

It is speculated here that Dr Worrall may run as an independent on a "pro-*Indaba*" ticket against Mr Stoffel Botha in his Port Natal constituency.

● **Farewell to Howe:** Dr Worrall called at the Foreign Office yesterday to say farewell to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

US moves towards arms treaty rethink

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Despite the weekend assurances by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, that the Reagan Administration would consult Congress and its allies beforehand, the signs here continue to grow that Washington is moving to a decision on reinterpreting a key arms control treaty.

Conservative supporters of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) were pleased that Mr Shultz, who had long supported the European allies' insistence that the US stick to the restrictive interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, seems to have changed his mind and moved closer to the position of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and other arms control hardliners.

Mr Shultz said in a television interview on Sunday that the ABM negotiating record showed "that a broad interpretation is entirely within the meaning of that treaty, although, of course, there are ambiguities". He also suggested that SDI research was now going so well that it was time to do away with the treaty's restrictions on what could be tested in space.

"Given the progress that has been made, you'd be able to pursue the programme much more effectively — and perhaps only — if a different pattern of testing is permitted." This has been taken to mean that Mr Shultz is ready to support Mr Reagan's known desire to get rid of most treaty restrictions on SDI testing.

However Mr Shultz also announced on Sunday that it would be at least two years before the US could make a decision on early deployment of the first phase of an SDI system. This appears to dampen the hopes of Mr Weinberger for a quick decision.

There is confusion, both in Washington and overseas, on the real issue that is provoking such an outcry in Congress and within the Nato alliance. For although the West Europeans were worried by talk in the past month of early SDI deployment, they all realize that even Mr Weinberger does not envisage this until 1993. Of more immediate concern to the Europeans and to Congress are the moves on the ABM Treaty.

"It is important to point out that the issue before the President is not one of deployment," the White House spokesman said yesterday. "Rather the President is now considering the proper configuration of our research and development testing programme.

"How should it be configured so that it conforms to the legally correct interpretation of the ABM Treaty? "The issue is: should we change the research and development programme in a way that will make it subject to a broader, legally correct interpretation," the spokesman added. "We are not making a judgment here on the treaty."

The allies see a broader interpretation of the treaty as the real threat now to arms control talks with the Russians. Conservative Republicans would like to put into operation what can be launched of the rapidly advancing SDI programme, as this would lock in the funding and make the project harder to cancel.

Any unilateral reinterpretation of the treaty faces stiff opposition in Congress.

Reagan in push for welfare reforms

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, emerging briefly from his post-operation seclusion, opened a campaign for the overhaul of America's welfare system yesterday, a move clearly designed to rally the conservative faithful and to restore a sense of direction to his beleaguered Administration.

Critics say the campaign appears muddled.

The Democratic Party has quickly seized on the issue, focusing attention on unemployment and hardship caused both by cuts in welfare programmes and soaring healthcare costs.

It will introduce specific reform proposals later this year to help families which face financial ruin because of long-term illness.

Mr Reagan, who did not say specifically where he wanted the reforms to take place, attacked what he has called "an outdated social monster" and made it clear that welfare overhaul is a top priority. He and other top Administration figures plan further criticisms of the system during "welfare reform week".

The campaign was crafted by White House officials as a follow-up to Mr Reagan's State of the Union message last month, during which welfare reform was put forward as the centrepiece of a modest legislative agenda.

Senior Administration officials acknowledged that the campaign has been designed to show that Mr Reagan is committed to substantive policies in his final two years.

The White House will seek to emphasize a message of compassion in its drive for welfare overhauls. The aim is to counter Democratic plans to portray Mr Reagan and his Administration as remote and out of touch with the needs of ordinary people.

There will be much talk about the "poverty trap" and the ineffectiveness of many welfare programmes. In his weekly radio address on Saturday, Mr Reagan said that "the sad truth is that our *welfare system represents one* long and sorry tale of disappointment".

Welfare programmes cost $130 billion (£86.66 billion) in 1985, an amount Mr Reagan regards as unacceptable. He said the poor have been made "virtual wards of the state" by unworkable government programmes. The Democrats say they accept the need for changes in the system and are preparing specific ideas to put before Congress.

A newly-released government study, which Mr Reagan ordered during his 1986 state of the union address, has concluded that the nation needs "a new national public *assistance strategy*" with consolidation of existing programmes and a shift in the responsibility for their administration from Washington to state and local governments.

Mr Reagan appealed to state governors in a letter to join in structuring a system in which states and localities "implement their own anti-poverty ideas based on their own unique circumstances".

Rescue teams helping casualties and removing debris after a car bomb killed 15 people and injured 80 in the Beirut Shia suburb of Roueiss yesterday. Occupants of vehicles died in the blast, which was near a petrol station, and six shops in an apartment block were wrecked.

Hostages write a last plea as they await death at midnight

Beirut (Reuter) — The following is the text of the letter signed by three American hostages held in Beirut:

This is the last message to our wives and the American people.

We want to tell you and the people of the USA that the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine will execute us at midnight because Israel is refusing to release 400 Palestinian Mujahid from its cells.

We urge you all to push our Government to order Israel to guarantee the release of 400 Palestinian Mujahid before midnight.

We heard some radios and TV stations say that Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister of Israel, refused to yield to the threat, but he accepted to receive some suggestions. We ask him: "How would the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine accept new suggestions when everyone knows what it wants?"

We expect from Israel to respond to the demand of the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine to liberate the Palestine Mujahid.

We ask Israel why it used to get everything it asked for from our Administration for the past 30 years and unfortunately the US Government willingly gave Israel all it wanted.

Isn't the aid Israel receives from the taxes the American people pay to the Government? Why doesn't Israel help the US Government in this bad circumstance?

Americans should know that Israel swaps hundreds of Palestinians with a few captured Israelis and yet we see that Israel will not pay the slightest service to its strategic ally, America so that four Americans will become free.

If Israel is not ready to reconsider its attitude the American people must put pressure on our Government and convince it to reconsider its relationship with Israel at least after our death.

Once agan we announce that we will be executed at midnight. Until then if you do love us and your hearts beat for us put pressure on Israel to show goodwill.

Let Israel promise the organization plainly and officially that 400 Palestinian Mujahid will be free. Otherwise we won't be alive after midnight. The farewell hour.

Finally, we ask all mass media and especially *The American* to spread this message which represents the last will of a number of victims of the careless Israeli obstinacy.

We warn the USA not to make any attack on any country especially Lebanon so that the lives of American citizens don't become jeopardized.

Listen love, I don't want to see you cry anymore, tell them to release the 400, I love you Virginia, *Alann Steen*.

Bader, I love you, I hope the baby will be good, please pray and help us, *Jesse Turner*.

Firyal, I love you, sorry I messed up so much, my love to mother, S and B, and both our families. 'Life was the only thing he ever finished,' love to my students too, sorry I let them down especially Lucy and Michael, *Robert Polhill*.

Press freedom in Singapore

90% circulation cut ordered

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Singapore, which a fortnight ago had to explain the suicide of a senior Cabinet minister accused of corruption, yesterday ordered *The Asian Wall Street Journal* to reduce its circulation by 90 per cent to 400 copies from next Monday.

The newspaper, published in Hong Kong, had refused to publish government responses to an article it had carried.

An official statement yesterday indicated that the *Journal* had alleged that the development of an automated share-dealing system, Sesdaq, was linked to a privatization move by the Government.

Mr Fred Zimmerman, the *Journal*'s editor and publisher, said a legal challenge to the ban was being considered.

Singapore last year amended the law to restrict the circulation of any newspaper or magazine it accused of indulging in local politics. Last October *Time* magazine had its circulation halved to 9,000, and in January it was further cut to 2,000.

It was generally believed then that the laws were amendments were aimed at *The Asian Wall Street Journal* and *Far Eastern Economic Review*, both owned by Dow Jones Asia.

Last September the Malaysian Government expelled the *Journal*'s two resident correspondents and banned the paper for three months. The courts, however, overturned that decision.

Singapore has been particularly touchy of late about the detailed coverage of its politics by foreign magazines. Singapore sources said last night that the Government's increasing sensitivity stemmed from its growing distance from its citizens.

The suicide of Mr Teh Cheang Wan, the National Development Minister, after he was investigated in December for allegedly accepting a $Sin1 million (about £300,000) bribe six years ago, shocked Singaporeans who had been brought up to believe in the incorruptibility of their leaders.

Red-Green coalition collapses

From John England
Bonn

West Germany's first Red-Green coalition at state government level collapsed yesterday when Herr Holger Börner, the Social Democrat (SPD) Prime Minister of Hesse, sacked Herr Joschka Fischer, his Greens Environment Minister, in a row over a plutonium plant.

Herr Börner's move was in response to a state party conference of the Greens on Sunday at which Herr Fischer threatened to resign if the SPD would not change its mind over allowing the plant at Hanau to produce plutonium.

In a letter to Herr Fischer, the Prime Minister said that the SPD would not close the plant because it would mean a loss of jobs.

The ending of the 14-month-old uneasy coalition is expected to lead to early new elections. The next poll was not due until September, but the Christian Democrat and Free Democrat opposition parties yesterday demanded new elections as soon as possible.

The SPD and the Greens in Hesse have made efforts to work together since 1983, but have always been in conflict over nuclear plants. The two parties formed their latest alliance in 1985 and Herr Fischer was the first Greens member appointed to a state Cabinet post.

Herr Börner told Herr Fischer yesterday that he had made clear last November that the SPD would not meet the Greens' demands.

Herr Edgar Thielemann, the Hesse Government spokesman, said Herr Börner would call for a vote of confidence at the next session of Parliament.

The breakup of the Hesse coalition was welcomed by the federal Greens in Bonn, who said Herr Börner's policy left the Greens one answer: to get "out of the coalition and into decisive opposition".

Sir Joh unsettles Hawke's rivals

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

The political calendar is only a few days old in Australia, but already the signs indicate that what is likely to be an election year will be a turbulent and unpredictable one in Canberra.

The successful record at the polls of the Labor Party under Mr Bob Hawke's leadership must be tested again within 14 months against the loose coalition of the two opposition parties, the Liberals and the Nationals, which have been planning to harness an emergent conservative mood.

The coalition's calculations, however, have been upset in the past week by the entry into national affairs of Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the Premier of Queensland.

Sir Joh, an arch right-winger and leader of the Nationals in Queensland, has ruled the roost in north Australian politics for almost two decades. Now he has launched an attempt to turn back what he sees as a socialist tide that has brought Australia to the brink of ruin.

Sir Joh's views have often been derided as eccentric. But encouraged by a triumph in a state election last November, he appeared before a New South Wales political meeting last weekend to present himself as a messianic alternative to federal opposition leaders.

Sir Joh's call for tax reform was a direct challenge to Mr Ian Sinclair, the federal leader of the Nationals.

He said that unless coalition candidates for the next election were "dry" enough to meet with his approval, he would put forward rival candidates on a new right platform.

With a flash of the authoritarianism that has characterized his administration in Queensland he told one newspaper: "I am only interested in policies and people who will say and do the things the way I want them done."

Other utterances have been tempered by the blend of homespun philosophy and rural metaphor which appeals to Sir Joh's farmland constituency. "I'm starting a bushfire and it will go all over Australia," he declared.

When it was pointed out that as state leader he had no authority within the National Party federally, Sir Joh replied: "You know the old bumble bee. He's not supposed to fly, but he still flies. I am not supposed to do this, so Ian (Sinclair) says. But I am doing it." What effect this quixotic foray will have is still unclear.

Sir Joh's appeal is not limited to country districts. Neither Mr Sinclair nor Mr. John Howard, the Liberal leader, have responded to his criticism of them in kind.

Nor can Sir Joh be cherishing hopes of federal power, having just turned 76. His intention seems to push the federal wing of the Nationals *(and thus the Liberals too)* into adopting a harder new right platform to tackle trade union power and tax reform.

But the danger for the opposition is that Sir Joh may split anti-Labor unity.

Mr Howard said: "Sir Joh must know that if a squabble for the conservative vote breaks out, he'll lose, I'll lose, Ian Sinclair will lose, and Australia will lose because Bob Hawke will get re-elected."

Mr Howard has other troubles enough, having failed to curb Liberal factionalism or stamp his own authority on the leadership he inherited by default from Mr Andrew Peacock *17 months ago.* He was unconvincing yesterday in presenting Liberal strategy.

Mr Hawke returned home from a Middle East visit delighted with the dissent in the opposition ranks.

But Labor has its problems with the electorate too, reflected in the big swing to the Liberals in two safe seats in New South Wales state by-elections at the weekend.

Leading Kenyan politicians linked to clandestine group

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

As Kenya's security clampdown continues, with at least 70 people convicted or detained for involvement in the clandestine Mwakenya opposition movement, recent court evidence has pointed to leading politicians and other prominent people being involved. Some have fled the country, fearing prosecution.

But Kenyans have been surprised to learn from a local newspaper's court report that one of President Moi's most trusted lieutenants in the Rift Valley town of Nakuru, Mr Kariuki Chotara, has been named in court in connection with Mwakenya.

Mr Chotara, an MP and district chairman of the ruling party, Kanu, is one of the few former leaders of the anti-colonial Mau Mau movement to have risen to prominence since independence. He was detained with the country's first President, the late Mr Jomo Kenyatta, in the 1950s.

The man who named Mr Chotara in court is another former Mau Mau member, Mr Kimunya Kamana. Before *getting a four-year prison sentence* for sedition last week, Mr Kamana said in mitigation that, after taking an oath of loyalty to Mwakenya, he had reported it to Mr Chotara, who seemed to condone his action by saying: "It's OK."

The Lonrho-owned *Standard* was the only newspaper to print Mr Chotara's name in reporting the case. The paper of the ruling party, the *Kenya Times*, only reported that Mr Kamana said: "A certain politician was number one of the clandestine movement."

Before he could be cautioned by the magistrate to stop mentioning names in court, Mr Kamana is reported to have said: "During the day they condemn the movement, but at night they meet with members of the movement."

Significantly, Mr Kamana has been involved in serious disputes with other Mau Mau veterans. In 1968, thousands living in the Nakuru district formed a farming company called the Nakuru Ex-Freedom Fighters Organization, *and Mr Kamana was its* manager.

After the organization acquired several former white-owned farms in the early 1970s, Mr Kamana fell out with a militant group of company members, reporting them to the Government for taking subversive oaths.

During last week's court proceedings in Nairobi against Mr Kamana, the prosecution said he had participated in a mass oath-taking ceremony in June 1986, organized by Mr Koigi Wamwere, a former MP. Mr Wamwere last year fled to seek political asylum in Norway.

The wave of arrests over Mwakenya activities began early last year and most of those brought to court have been found guilty either of possessing seditious publications or of taking subversive oaths. Only a few dissidents have been detained without trial.

Many of those in custody are from the majority Kikuyu tribe, and include former students, university graduates and lecturers.

Senior Cabinet Ministers insist that all opposition to the Government is master-minded by a group of Kenyan political exiles, supported by unnamed foreign powers.

The Minister for Information, Mr Noah Ngala, has accused foreign journalists based in Nairobi of a deliberate campaign to tarnish Kenya's image abroad. He complained of "hostile and negative reports about Kenya's political stability", and reports of what he called "non-existent situations".

He said that there was a deliberate move "to misinform the world about events in Kenya and the political stability enjoyed by its people".

What little is known publicly about the shadowy Mwakenya movement has been revealed in prosecution evidence in numerous cases. Originally known as "The December 12th Movement" (DTM) — after the date in 1963 on which Kenya became independent — its name is said to have been changed recently to Mwakenya (Belonging to Kenya).

The authorities have accused Mwakenya of planning "massive sabotage activities" to change Kenya from a capitalist state to a socialist one. The only sabotage attempted was when an agricultural officer and two former students tried to derail a goods train on the main line near Gilgil last year. They were both jailed for 31 years for their amateurish exploit.

Mr Gakaara Wanjau, aged 65, a printer and author of books on Kikuyu folklore who was detained during the Mau Mau emergency was arrested last year. Immediately after his release 26 days later, he issued a signed statement to the press denouncing Mwakenya as "diabolical".

He admitted close association with some Mwakenya leaders, and claimed that he had been asked to use his monthly vernacular magazine to propagate their ideals. According to Gakaara's statement, some dissidents now in exile had earlier formed a small clandestine group, including leading churchmen, to incite disaffection against the Government.

President Moi referred in a speech at the weekend to the large number — 150 — of foreign correspondents based in Nairobi, some of whom he accused of being irresponsible. According to one local newspaper report, he said they would be "thinned out to a manageable level".

A Philippines Navy gunboat fired warning shots at a Kenyan tug in international waters and forced it to enter a Philippine port (Reuter reports from Nairobi). The Mwokozi was towing a tanker from the Gulf to Taiwan.

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Communists face death as new Philippines political force spreads

From David Watts, Davao, Mindanao

Esparto has the cut of a killer – red sweater barely hiding a pot belly, four days of growth on his dark chin.

That's not his real name. He claims it's a pseudonym he used as a New People's Army (NPA) hit man operating as part of a "sparrow unit" assassination squad in this desperate slum on the edge of the Davao Gulf.

For years the NPA controlled the slum, a no-go area for the Philippines police and armed forces nicknamed Nicaragdao. Outside along the walls was the slogan "Mabuhay NPA" (welcome NPA). Today the welcome is for a new force in Philippine politics, Alsa Masa. It draws mixed reviews in Davao, but it seems likely to spread elsewhere across the country as a movement.

Alsa Masa literally means "masses arise" – not against the Government but against the communists.

Whether Esparto's story is true probably only he knows. He claims to have killed 15 government soldiers and eight civilian informers during his NPA career. He admits that two of the informers working in the city market were probably killed in error.

He is one of seven alleged deserters from the NPA at the heart of Alsa Masa who now owe their allegiance and most probably their weapons to Colonel Franco Calida, Davao's police chief, who wears aviator sunglasses and a specially-modified Smith and Wesson .38.

The men say they have killed at least nine NPA cadres since they broke with the movement, and are spoiling for a chance to get out and kill more communists.

Some religious figures in particular are concerned at the rise to power of killers, some of whom have been petty criminals in the past, with at least the connivance and the encouragement of the police. At least one of the men the colonel has protected from criminal charges and church sources maintain that another leader of Alsa Masa is a well-known local criminal wanted for murder.

The former mayor and police chief, Mr Luis Santos, said: "Alsa Masa has cleaned up Agdao."

He added: "From what I hear they've driven the NPAs out of the environs of the city. It could be the answer to the insurgency but how do you control it? It must be disciplined, trained and led well otherwise you create a Frankenstein's Monster which will destroy you."

The movement has already attracted between 5,000 and 6,000 foot soldiers in Davao, most of whom are not paid for their service. The movement has spread to other areas of the country and still others are showing interest in it.

The rise of Alsa Masa comes at a time when the Government has made the old Civilian Home Defence Forces (CHDF) unconstitutional. The CHDF, composed of local citizens set to guard their own areas, became discredited during the Marcos era for its corruption and brutality. Now the Government is looking for something to replace that force. Meanwhile, the evangelistic anti-communist zeal of the Alsa Masa is filling the gap, together with an influx of charismatic Christian groups who seem to be aligning themselves with its leadership.

One church source disputes that the Alsa Masa men in Agdao have actually driven out the NPA. According to this man, who knows the area well, NPA agents began to leave the area in mid-1985. The communists realized then that they had been heavily infiltrated by Army agents, and pulled out to cleanse their ranks.

Alsa Masa did not become a force in the area until spring last year. But the same source believes that some NPA agents have started to move back, and the ending of the ceasefire between the Government and the communists sets the scene for a possible bloody confrontation between the NPA and Alsa Masa.

"Almost all the people here have firearms to protect themselves," said Colonel Calida. "I haven't given them any firearms. They should think of the present – we've got to settle an evil. How can they fight without arms?"

He claims that he does not pay the men, but others say the men are paid by the colonel and that they are in any case becoming as proficient at extorting money as was the NPA at demanding "revolutionary taxes".

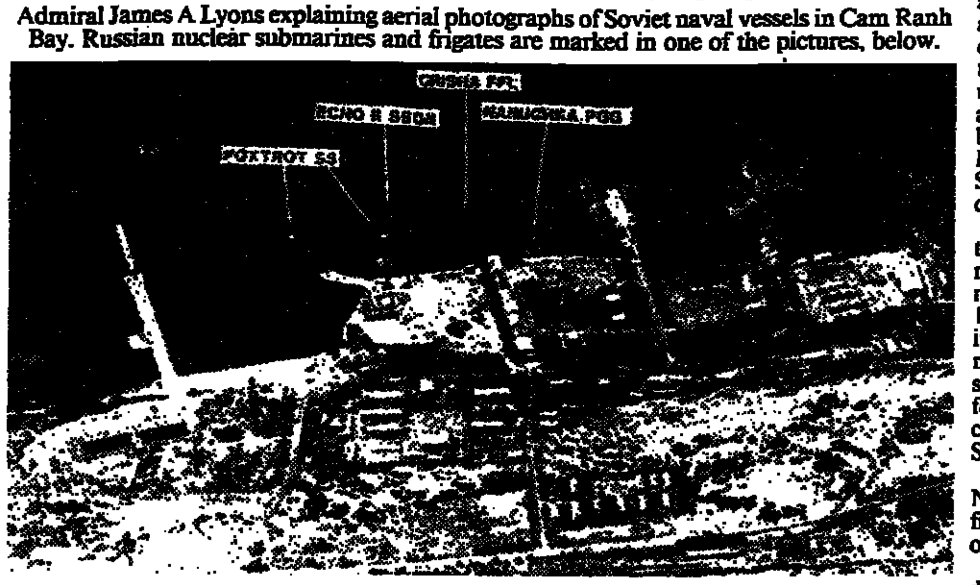
Colonel Calida, who admits to having a hit list of 49 left-wingers and left-wing supporters in Davao, says they could all be killed in 24 hours "in order to end once and for all this problem here. The men are just waiting for my orders."

Asked if he was not afraid of a bullet in the back from one of these former communist killers, he said: "It's a tactical risk. I was born two kilometres from here. I'm with the people."

President Aquino's Government opened talks yesterday with Muslim rebels on self-rule in the southern Philippines, in an attempt to end a 14-year-old revolt (Reuter reports). The absence of one Muslim group appeared to dampen hopes of a quick solution, but both sides said they were optimistic.

'Proof' of Soviet base in Vietnam

Admiral James A Lyons explaining aerial photographs of Soviet naval vessels in Cam Ranh Bay. Russian nuclear submarines and frigates are marked in one of the pictures, below.



US reveals Cam Ranh evidence

Sydney (AP) – The Commander of the US Pacific Fleet displayed photographs yesterday which he said prove that the Soviet Union is using Vietnam's Cam Ranh Bay as a military base.

At a news conference at the US Consulate, Admiral James A. Lyons produced US Navy aerial photographs showing Soviet warships berthed at Cam Ranh, a city in what was formerly South Vietnam.

The photos showed frigates, destroyers and three submarines. Admiral Lyons said the submarines were capable of carrying nuclear-tipped cruise missiles.

Another photograph showed Soviet warplanes deployed on Cam Ranh airfield, built by the United States during the Vietnam War.

The admiral said the photographs, taken last December, disproved Soviet claims it had no base in Vietnam. Their release was prompted by a letter in *The Australian* newspaper and signed by Mr V. Zemskov, minister-counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra.

The letter said allegations that Cam Ranh was a Soviet base were "fantastic".

"It is known to all objective observers that there has never been such a base and never will it be established there," Mr Zemskov said.

But Admiral Lyons told reporters: "There's nothing like pictures to prove your point." He did not estimate the number of Soviet troops there, but said it was a full support operating base with fuel, ammunition and missile-handling facilities.

The base accommodates the second-largest Soviet force outside the Soviet Union.

Russian blames US for tension in Pacific

From A Correspondent
Tokyo

The United States and its allies are responsible for creating a new arena of military tension in the Pacific Basin, despite Washington's attempt to accuse Moscow of the same thing, the Soviet naval attaché in Tokyo said yesterday at a rare public press conference by a serving Soviet officer.

Captain Nikolai Usov told the Japan Foreign Press Club that the Western powers greatly exaggerated Soviet military power in the region and the threat of increased Soviet military co-operation with its nearby ally, North Korea.

On the contrary, the US admitted its military supremacy in the Pacific, as stated during Congressional testimony by Pacific Commander Ronald Hays, Captain Usov said. Joint exercises by US forces with South Korea and Japan close to Soviet territory were of great concern to the Soviet Union.

The Pentagon's claims that the Soviet Union deployed more than 800 ships in the region, compared to less than 100 US vessels, were misleading because the US deployed many more major fighting ships, he said. The US fleet, for example, had six aircraft carriers compared with the Soviet two, he said.

Recent Soviet port calls to North Korea have been on a friendly and official basis only, Captain Usov said.

Japan last month pushed its defence spending above a symbolic limit of 1 per cent of total national output value, in response to what Tokyo views as a serious Soviet military build-up in the Far East.

The United States has persistently encouraged Japan to do more to defend itself against the Soviet military threat.

12 Libyans killed in Chad clash

Ndjamena (Reuter) – Twelve Libyan soldiers were killed and seven captured in a clash with government forces north of the key oasis of Fada, Chad's official radio said yesterday.

The military high command said there were no casualties among government soldiers in the fighting at Ouita, a remote outpost 90 miles from Fada in north-east Chad.

Babangida in Paris hospital

Paris – President Babangida of Nigeria, is receiving medical treatment in Paris, but the Pitié Salpetrière hospital, from which he was discharged after three days as an in-patient on Friday, was unable to confirm rumours that he was suffering from a gunshot wound (Susan MacDonald writes).

Reluctant Nigerian sources said his treatment would last two weeks.

Hot air at pole

Oslo – Five members of a ballooning club in the Arctic town of Bodo are to attempt a flight to the North Pole in a hot-air balloon next month, plant a Norwegian flag and fly on to the Canadian Eureka base in Axel Heiberg Land.

Fifth break

Brussels (Reuter) – Robert Van Oirbeek, an armed robber who has previously escaped four times from Belhian prisons, made his fifth break from Lantin jail in Liège with three other prisoners.

On the slide

Peking (Reuter) – Police in Jiangsu province have arrested a man who proclaimed himself emperor, promised to take over China and committed rape and fraud.

M Mitterrand, above: more likely to win an election than M Rocard, below.

The French Socialist Party

Veneer of unity hides squabbles

From Diana Geddes
Paris

After months of embarrassing internal divisions and tensions, the French Socialist Party has emerged from its executive committee meeting at the weekend with an important semblance of unity, but still no clearer about its future.

The compromise resolution, thrashed out during a 14-hour session by representatives of the four main factions, neatly avoided the two crucial questions confronting the party: Who will be its candidate at the next presidential elections, and how will it assemble a sufficiently large majority in Parliament to be able to form a new government?

Party leaders were nevertheless delighted that they will now be able to go to Lille in April for what could be the last national party congress before the presidential elections united behind a single resolution, despite the tensions between the supporters of M Michel Rocard, self-declared candidate for the presidency, and the supporters of President François Mitterrand.

Although M Mitterrand, who is 70, has already announced that he does not intend to stand for a second term, no one seems to believe him, and a majority of socialists continue to hope that he will be their candidate. Recent polls suggest that M Mitterrand is the only left-wing politician who could beat both M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and M Raymond Barre, the two most likely right-wing candidates.

While M Rocard is by far the most popular socialist leader in the country after M Mitterrand, the latest polls suggest he would be beaten by M Barre. Furthermore, much bitterness remains among many socialists over M Rocard's stand against M Mitterrand before the 1981 presidential elections.

On that occasion, M Rocard eventually agreed to withdraw his own candidature for the presidency. But it is by no means clear that he would be willing to do so again this time, particularly as it could be his last chance.

However, the compromise resolution, unanimously adopted by the party's executive committee, including M Rocard, on Sunday, contained a key phrase: "The socialist candidate for the 1988 presidential election will be designated when the time comes according to the party rules. All socialists will support him."

M Mitterrand's supporters claim that this clearly rules out any possibility of a "dissident" candidacy by M Rocard outside the party. But M Rocard's supporters are already suggesting that such a cut-and-dried interpretation is not necessarily correct.

The executive committee appears to have put a stop, at least for the time being, to any further attempts by socialists to woo centrists within the centre-right UDF party, with the idea of a possible centre-left alliance in the event of a socialist victory in 1988.

Credited with only 32 per cent of the vote, and never having obtained more than 36 per cent even at the height of the left-wing euphoria following M Mitterrand's election in 1981, the socialists know they cannot hope to form a future government on their own. Any hope, or desire, of mending their 1984 rift with the communists seems to have long since faded.

M Pierre Joxe, leader of the socialist group in the National Assembly, started the rumours of a new centre-left alliance with his call to centrists at the end of December to join the socialists in "a union against the anti-democratic practices of the RPR," the dominant partner of the ruling UDF-RPR coalition.

There followed a series of mutually sympathetic noises from individual leaders on both sides. However, having made their point that they could be open to a deal after the presidential elections, the socialists evidently feel they have gone far enough for the time being if they do not wish to alienate the left of the party.

Letter from New York

Flat to rent with all mod cons

Why is Soviet agriculture like housing in Manhattan? In both cases, someone noticed recently, politicians keep discovering crises and promise reforms – but the crop stays the same.

Mr Edward Koch, Mayor of New York, and normally a sharp user of language, recently kept up the tradition, observing straight-faced that the city had a housing crisis. "It's a permanent mess, not a crisis," someone snapped back.

To be fair, finding a flat on this crowded slab of real estate is said to be getting a little easier since a 10-year property boom slowed last year.

Now, to rent in Manhattan you have to be well-off or a masochist. With the average purchase price for a one-bedroom flat at $245,000 (£162,250) buying is, as they say here, awesome.

Even a rectangle in which to park your car across the river in Brooklyn is now going for $30,000.

Hunting down and snaring the prized dwelling is an education in New York ways. A rehearsal in Washington last year was little help because the capital is a gentle village in comparison.

"Just don't even think about where you've lived before. Forget it all," said Alan, the fast-talking agent, as he turned the key to a gloomy cell, with the view of a blank wall, that passed for the living room of a "one-bedroom" in Greenwich Village.

"They're asking $1,450 a month but you might get it down a little." At prices like that, you can see why a printing error in the *Village Voice* started a near-riot in the neighbourhood a few months ago. The advertisement offered six rooms at "16. St Marks Place, for $600 a month."

Several hundred people thought their prayers had been answered and queued for hours before someone told them there was also a St Marks Place in a run-down area of Brooklyn.

Years of space shortage in New York have refined the house-hunting ordeal for the would-be tenant. In addition to the high prices, he or she usually has to pay a fee to the agent of 15 per cent of a year's rent.

Some landlords have been picking up the fee since the market sagged, but agents are often reluctant to impart that information, especially if they suspect your employer might be footing the bill.

But the agents are happy to tell you that "luxury" rental space has doubled in the past four years – as developers have pushed into less salubrious districts, converting old warehouses beyond the village, throwing up massive new towers on the limits of the Upper East Side and gentrifying what has now come to be known as the Yupper West Side, in deference to its new clientele. (They also own cars known in New York as BMWs – short for "break my window".)

Operating on the principle that no sane person with children wants to move into Manhattan, the developers have aimed for the young and not-quite-affluent in the new East Side rental blocks.

These often go under French names and offer *joie de vivre* and the attentions of a "gracious *concierge*". Prime among their appointments are the gymnasium and pool, the healthy 1980s successors to the indulgent 1970s singles bar.

My excursions took me to the Normandie, a vast new three-tower establishment on 95th Street that promises to "redefine the art of living".

Tenants can improve their looks while keeping an eye out for Ms or Mr Right in a two-floor spa that boasts state-of-the-art weight machines and a pool and meeting place, all on top of 1,484 shoe-box dimensioned flats.

The Saturday morning visit also confirmed something I had noticed – an unusual number of women. Flat-hunting works as another New York market place.

"If a guy's looking for an apartment and he's by himself, he's fair game," explained one unattached lady.

Retiring from the apartment chase, I settled on a small conversion in an old warehouse said to be setting a new tone in a scruffy east village street.

After authorizing credit agencies to comb through my antecedents (it was a mistake to state "Soviet Government" as my last landlord), I thought that was all.

"Not so fast," said Alan, a former teacher who said his big mouth led him into the real estate business. "Now you've gotta sign children don't fly."

Even allowing for New York craziness, this one seemed insoluble. "It's city law," said Alan. "You promise not to bring in kids under 10 and you don't have to have a grating across the window to stop them falling out."

Now the question is whether to consult another local industry, "apartment space consultants". These are people who advise New Yorkers on how to arrange furniture so that they bump into it less.

Charles Bremner

Diplomatic pressure behind African rail farce

From Jan Raath, Harare

Farce at the dusty southern African border post of Ramatlabana yesterday averted the closure of a railway line, a move with the potential for severe economic upheaval.

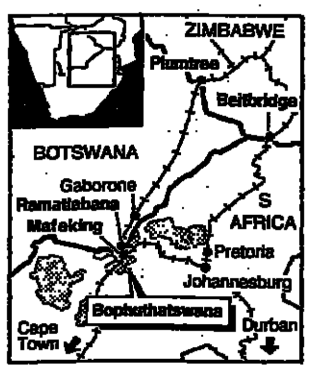
The Zimbabwean crew in the pre-dawn freight train bound for Cape Town took their locomotive across the Botswana border and 800yards into the South African bantustan of Bophuthatswana.

They stopped their train inside the fenced-off enclosure of Ramatlabana siding, uncoupled the trucks and performed a complicated manoeuvre to turn and link up a string of northbound coaches instead of heading to the town of Mafikeng (formerly Mafeking, of Boer War fame).

The southbound trucks were coupled to a locomotive crewed by white South Africans and hauled unhindered past Bophuthatswana's customs and immigration officials and on to Cape Town.

The musical chairs routine is an emergency solution to pressure mounted by the Bophuthatswana Government of Chief Lucas Mangope; an attempt to secure some form of recognition for his internationally ignored nation.

By yesterday, all Zimbabweans entering Bophuthatswana were required to produce visas, a move that would have entailed some form of negotiations between



Zimbabwe and Bophuthatswana, and thereby recognition. Zimbabwe has made it clear that talks with the "apartheid creation" of Bophuthatswana are out of the question.

Bophuthatswana straddles the railway, one of the two viable routes linking South Africa's ports to Botswana, Malawi, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, which carries an estimated 30 per cent of their imports and exports.

The visa demands were originally made to Botswana, which was preparing to take over the line from Zimbabwe's railways. The takeover was cancelled and the trains, now staffed only by Zimbabweans, continued. On January 9, Zimbabwe's railway authorites were given notice that their personnel, too, would need visas.

Mr Bill Richards, the chief traffic controller in the Botswana capital of Gaborone, said yesterday traffic with the South African crews continued normally through the day.

Botswana last week lodged complaints with South Africa that the visa demands were in contravention of the Customs Union.

There is little doubt in Harare and Gaborone that Pretoria is behind Chief Mangope's new assertiveness.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** South African Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that South Africa had no jurisdiction over the section of railway line running through Bophuthatswana, which Pretoria insists is a fully independent state (Michael Hornsby writes).

"Botswana and Zimbabwe must discuss any problems they have over the line with the Government of Bophuthatswana," the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

Hungry man-eaters stalk the streets of Soviet cities

From Christopher Walker
Nakhodka, Soviet Far East

Last Thursday, Mr Gennady Kiseliev, a Red Army soldier on leave at his surburban home near this modern, bustling Soviet port, drew back the bedroom curtains and found himself face to face through the frosted window with a man-eating Amur tiger, which had strayed far from the frozen forests in search of food.

It was the latest example of a disturbing natural phenomenon which is causing increasing concern to the Soviet authorities, who have now introduced an emergency programme to deal with the little-publicized fact that, for the first time in 100 years, wild tigers have once again begun prowling the streets of the main built-up areas in the Soviet Far East.

In an attempt to prevent panic among urban dwellers in this remote, mineral-rich region, the development of which is crucial to Mr Gorbachov's drive to rescue the Soviet economy, a special television programme was recently broadcast, in which three professional hunters sought to reassure the population about the measures being taken to cope with the tiger menace.

Only a few days before Mr Kiseliev's unnerving confrontation, workers at the main container terminal at Nakhodka, on the Sea of Japan, failed to arrive for the morning shift because their commuter train was held up by a large Amur tiger, specimens of which can reach more than 10 ft in length, sitting on the tracks.

Mr Constantin Kovolchok, the unflappable-looking captain of a large Soviet container vessel which sails regularly from the port to Australia, explained: "I can imagine how they felt. I was recently approached by one of the creatures when I was driving my car home. It was very frightening. At first I thought it was a stray cow, until it got up close."

In recognition of the dangers now posed to both livestock and humans (last year a tiger was shot near a crowded trolley-bus stop on the outskirts of the main Far-Eastern city, Vladivostok), a new division has been created in the Russian Republic's hunting directorate to supervise control of the predators, using a number of measures, including helicopters.

In recognition of the dangers now posed, a three-year ban has been imposed on the hunting of smaller animals, such as wild boar and deer, which provided the magnificent-looking wild cats with their main source of food.

Widespread poaching of these animals by hunters with increasingly-sophisticated weapons, plus the rapid development of the sprawling wilds of eastern Siberia, where the wind-chill factor can push temperatures below -100 C, are two of the reasons why the starving tigers are being forced to prey close to human settlements.

On one night last year, a tiger killed 11 pigs on a farm in the Primorsky region, and a number of attacks on humans have been reported in the press.

A third reason is the growth in the population of the Amur tiger, an endangered species which has recovered from the critical period just before the Second World War, when its numbers dwindled to 30. The latest official total puts it at 300, with each male jealously protecting an area of some 115 square miles as an exclusive hunting zone.

"Although these tigers are marvellous animals, they are now a real threat to life, and we have to take urgent action to deal with them before the problem gets worse," said Mr Viktor Gnysdilov, Deputy Mayor of Nakhodka, a city of concrete apartment buildings with a population of 178,000.

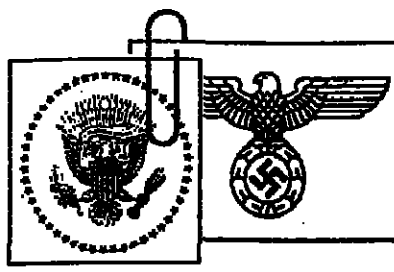
Despite the outlawing of tiger-hunting here 40 years ago, and the imposition of stiff 10,000 rouble (£10,000) fines for breaching the ban, Mr Gnysdilov said that a new count was now being organized, after which further permits for killing all the Amur tigers which could not be supported by the surrounding forest would be issued by the Government. More than 20 such permits were issued last year.

Distinguished both by its size and by the unique spread of its paws, the pads of which are often more than four inches wide, the Amur tiger is the official symbol of Vladivostok, the headquarters of the Soviet Pacific fleet.

But with tiger sightings now becoming a regular occurrence, and attacks growing more frequent, even the Soviet protectionists we met here appeared to accept that urgent action would have to be taken.

After the shooting of beasts above the optimum number, one suggestion is for the creation of a protection zone for tigers and hoofed animals within existing game reserves, followed by the opening of new reserves.

Laundering the rocket men



THE PAPERCLIP CONSPIRACY

Part 2: The whitewash

It was one thing for the Americans to secure the services of Werner von Braun and his German rocket team, but how could men who had been committed Nazis be smuggled past US laws to become sanitized American heroes? **Tom Bower** reveals that the solution was a Pentagon whitewash: a deft rewrite of the men's history, sealed with a single paperclip

The task of rewriting the German scientists' Nazi past fell in 1947 to Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Rozamus. As the Pentagon's new deputy director of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA). Rozamus was committed to securing the exclusive services of the Germans for the United States and explicitly denying them to the US's wartime allies, particularly the Soviet Union.

Under the terms of "Project Paperclip", which had been approved in 1945 by President Truman, 1,000 "outstanding" and "carefully selected" German scientists could be "temporarily exploited" in America. A paperclip pinned to their documents was the simple code that identified "acceptable" Germans.

Former Nazis and war criminals were, however, regardless of their qualifications, expressly excluded by the Presidential order. Yet the military blatantly ignored the order and secretly transported ardent Nazis, senior SS officers and even war criminals to research centres in America.

By 1946, within a year of their arrival, the Germans wanted more secure terms of employment and to be reunited with their families. The military, pre-occupied with the possibility of a new war with the Soviet Union and *sensing their precarious* vulnerability at the birth of a new scientific age, were anxious to retain their much-prized experts. The only realistic solution was for the German scientists to become American citizens. But many were legally barred from obtaining citizenship because of their incriminating wartime activities. Intelligence chiefs and senior Pentagon officers therefore decided to sanitize the Germans' Nazi past.

Rozamus, who could boast a distinguished wartime career, effortlessly adopted the established pattern of concealing irregular and unauthorized activities from civilian government departments. "I did it for my country," he proudly asserts, admitting that in the process he probably even deceived his President.

The irony of Rozamus's appointment to JIOA was that in April 1945 he had been at the liberation of Nordhausen, the underground V2 factory where Werner von Braun's rocket team worked.

Nordhausen was a sight the battle-weary Rozamus would never forget. "You're hardened by your feelings in war, but this time I just felt like breaking down and crying." Vividly, Rozamus remembers the corpses of slave workers stacked by the crematoria and others, hanging from meat hooks, which were so emaciated that there was not even an odour of death.

Werner von Braun epitomized the enormous wealth of German technical genius available to the Allies in 1945. Unlike the British, the US military had eagerly recruited more than 100 of von Braun's team, who had gathered in Bavaria. US army officers were convinced that within their grasp was the vital nucleus of America's future in space. Yet the first security reports written by US intelligence officers about the senior Germans portrayed many of their captives as the most odious among that defeated political claque.

Herbert Axster, von Braun's assistant and accountant, was described as "a notorious supporter and profiteer of the Nazi regime from 1933 to 1945". General Walter Dornberger, in overall command of the V2 project, was vehemently condemned: "He should be interned as a menace to the security of the Allied Forces." Both Kurt Debus, responsible for firing the rockets, and von Braun himself had been senior SS officers. Debus was described as "an ardent Nazi", while von Braun was judged "a potential security threat."

Then there was Arthur Rudolph, one of the first rocket pioneers in the 1920s, who had managed production of the V2 at Nordhausen. Before Hitler had even come to power, Rudolph had marched through the streets of Berlin dressed in his brown SA uniform, holding a flaming torch and singing anthems of racial hatred. In 1945 an American intelligence officer had scribbled: "100% Nazi, dangerous type, security threat. Suggest internment." Yet Rudolph was among those who went to America in 1946.

One of JIOA's tasks was to remove the obstacle presented by adverse security reports on the Germans. But blocking their plan was a small group of State Department officials, initially led by a young lawyer, Seymour Rubin. They were distinctly unimpressed by an intelligence committee's alarmist report about the dangers of German scientists migrating eastwards. Rubin had good reasons to doubt that the Germans were as unique as the military insisted, and disliked the immorality of "Project Paperclip". "If keeping Nazis out of the United States is a mistaken policy," he commented acidly, "a good many people in the Department should be told that and instructed to reverse a course which they have mistakenly been following for some time."

Supervising the State Department's visa controls section, Samuel Klaus set out to oppose JIOA's programme by simply demanding that the Pentagon obey the law. "One man was able to stymie our programme," Rozamus recalls. "I can't blame him for it. He was Jewish."

Over there: rocket scientists gathered at White Plains in 1946. Ringed are Arthur Rudolph (left) and Werner von Braun

JIOA's director was *Captain* Bousquet Wev, a zealous naval officer who treated his responsibilities with chauvinistic passion, unwavering obedience and obsessive secrecy. The symbol of Wev's prejudice would be his ignorant allegation that the alternative for any German refusing to join the Nazi Party was to be "placed in a concentration camp".

To overcome the "very stubborn, arrogant and unreasonable" Klaus, Wev successfully mobilized the most senior Pentagon politicians and General John Hilldring, the booming-voiced Assistant Secretary of State who supervised the visa section. Hilldring obtained the approval of Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, that Klaus should be "neutralized".

In July 1946, Hilldring ordained that his department would henceforth accept a statement from the military that any named German was eligible for a visa and his background would remain uninvestigated. Pentagon officers assumed that Paperclip would expand unimpeded; yet three months later, faced with Klaus's precise legal arguments, Hilldring capitulated completely, restoring Klaus's powers to investigate each German's record.

The pressure from the military, anxious to retain more than 300 Germans already in America and eager to recruit others still in Europe, intensified. Under pressure, Klaus was clearly vulnerable. Until 1947, despite the bitterness of their differences, the bureaucrats had managed to keep their row from the public.

In February 1947, however, a well-informed article about Paperclip appeared in the *New York Herald Tribune*, accusing the army of conspiracy and deliberate deception in telling the public that screening had prevented any active Nazi arriving in America. The *Tribune* pointed out that the same scientists screened by the army to prove they were untainted had earlier been meticulously screened in Germany to establish their loyalty to Hitler.

On March 9, Drew Pearson, the broadcaster, revealed that among the Germans offered Paperclip contracts by the military was Karl Krauch, a director of the IG Farben company awaiting trial on war crimes charges at Nuremberg. Even senior officials like General Dwight Eisenhower and Dean Rusk, then a special assistant to the Secretary of War, faltered in the tide of public criticism and urged that Paperclip be terminated. With unanimous agreement, a public statement was issued announcing that no more German scientists would enter America after July 1947.

Wev blamed Klaus, alleging sabotage and the subordination of American interests to "beating a dead Nazi horse" — an unfortunate phrase. He successfully demanded the swift transfer of Klaus from the visa section — and with Klaus removed, the deception of Paperclip would continue in deepest secrecy.

Among the many potential acquisitions was the former SS general Walter Schieber, the wartime chief of the Reich's armament supply office and described by Albert Speer as "Himmler's confidential agent in my ministry". The US Air Force wanted Schieber's expertise on building underground complexes, and discarded his SS records.

Wev was surprised that Schieber's past was still viewed as an encumbrance in Washington. To avoid future problems, the patriotic officer hit upon a device which removed the blot on every German's otherwise immaculate record. Simply, the American intelligence service in Germany was asked by Wev to reconsider the past security reports which contained references to Nazi activities because "immigration of a specialist whose report is so worded is jeopardized".

The remedy, Wev suggested, was the insertion of a "saving clause" which would allow for re-evaluation. The chore of systematically organizing the rewriting of the scientists' security reports was delegated to Rozamus. The conspiracy between victors and vanquished was watertight.

The services sent Rozamus completed visa application forms for each scientist. If the security report contained incriminating information, it was returned to Germany indicating what needed to be rewritten. Rozamus was asking for "a different interpretation".

The revised security reports were returned from Germany to Rozamus. Overnight, Herbert Axster had a "clear record", Dornberger was clear of any Nazi stain, while Arthur Rudolph had *not* been "an ardent Nazi".

Von Braun's SS record was cleverly circumvented. Whereas previously, as Wev pointed out, "his past activities may be such that he will not qualify for an immigration visa". Von Braun's revised report stressed that his records had been lost in the Soviet zone of Germany and that "no derogatory information is available".

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TOMORROW

Our loss, their gain: how London failed to milk the cream

German submariner who was out of his depth in Britain

Although all three British armed services had flown Germans to Britain to be interrogated by military scientific advisers and technicians, only the Admiralty had ruthlessly overcome political opposition and placed German technicians in private corporations to work on naval projects. Their first coup was the transfer of Helmuth Walter, the submarine designer, from the German naval centre at Kiel to the private Vickers-*Armstrong shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness.*

The admirals believed that they now controlled the brains behind one of the most important wartime developments — the design of a submarine which could travel underwater quickly and undetected. Scientists were convinced that Walter's hydrogen peroxide-powered submarine was unique.

Walter was treated as the naval equivalent of Werner von Braun and, like the rocket pioneer, he was supremely confident about his future. On the second day of his capture, he had asked an American officer: "When are you going to let me get back into business — so we can fight the Russians?" Yet the Americans had been denied the prize.

Walter's Type XXI possessed radical features on which all submarine designers have drawn ever since. It could manoeuvre and attack entirely submerged, and could dive to a hitherto unprecedented 800 feet, *operating beyond twice* the range of any known sonar detection.

Despite strenuous and devious British efforts to prevent German submarines and technology falling into Russian hands, the Russians managed to obtain the complete designs for the Type XXI. Yet possessing Walter himself, the Admiralty believed, would *revolutionize British* submarine warfare. They commissioned Vickers Shipbuilders to build a new peroxide submarine, based on Walter's design but considerably bigger, faster and better.

Over here: Helmuth Walter (second left) and team in London

On January 4, 1946, Walter and seven colleagues arrived at Barrow-in-Furness. Shrouded in secrecy, Walter's team was met by George Forsyth, the head of a new Vickers development team, the Admiralty Development Establishment.

Forsyth and his fellow Yorkshiremen were uncomfortable about meeting their former enemies. Walter showed some charm, but the others in his team were resentful. The grim face of the chemist, von Dohren, was disfigured by a sabre scar: "We always thought he was a real Nazi," recalls Harry Verity, Vickers' technical director. "In fact, we categorized them all from the beginning as ardent Nazis and I still think the same today." Feelings quickly became inflamed.

News of the Germans' arrival sparked immediate hostility in the town, especially among redundant shipyard workers. Led by the mayor, an angry protest march ended noisily *outside* the Vickers shipyard with unprintable demands about how the Germans should be treated.

Walter's team in Barrow was segregated, and given its own office isolated from the Vickers team, who haphazardly thrust problems at them to solve. "The trick all the time," recalls Verity, "was to extract the information we needed from the Germans without telling them what we were doing. We didn't trust them."

Extracting that knowledge needed tact and skill, not easy amid mutual suspicions. There was nothing to unite the two groups other than submarines, and the Germans found the hostile atmosphere disturbing.

In London, the Treasury and the Admiralty battled over the Germans' salaries. Originally, £800 had been agreed as the top salary, received by Walter, a rate comparable with that offered by the Americans. But, just after Walter's arrival, F.C. Newton, a Treasury official, insisted that the income was subject to full British tax. And the British Control Commission in Germany said that local income tax was also payable. Double taxation meant that out of the £800 salary, £500 would be deducted. The Russian offer of £450 tax-free, in addition to privileged housing, special food and extra tobacco , had been far superior.

Three years after his arrival in Britain, Walter left for America — no longer regarded as a great scientist, but rather as an enterprising promoter. The US Navy had long since excluded *peroxide as a sub*marine fuel in favour of nuclear power, a development which was concealed from the British.

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Lessons for the minister

Mr Kenneth Baker makes a point of regular school visits. But how much does he really see?

A small boy called Max trails up the path from the school gate, dragging a white plastic carrier bag behind him. Every so often he stops, picks up a bit of paper and drops it into the bag.

"The Secretary of State is coming," he explaines gloomily. "I've been told to do this until the bell goes."

Chris Roberts, the head boy of Goffs School, at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire, stands on the porch looking spruce and relaxed, surrounded by his house captains. They are talking about their last VIP. "It was Jeffrey Archer," Chris says. "A week later we read about him in the *News of the World*. The one before that was Cecil Parkinson." Everyone laughs.

Dr Colin Hadley, a tall, gaunt figure striding agitatedly about in a black gown, has been headmaster of Goffs since it opened 23 years ago as a grammar school. It went comprehensive in 1976 but the traditional ethos remains.

Goffs has 900 pupils, good examination results, an impressive sixth form and a parents' association which raises £10,000 a year to buy minibuses, sports equipment and computers. It is not surprising that Hertfordshire County Council should have chosen to show it off to the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Baker arrives, smiling and dapper. He shakes hands warmly all round and then we are off on a whirlwind tour. A gaggle of advisers, assistants, local dignitaries and press photographers trail behind.

First stop is a third-year *French* lesson, *where 13-year*-olds are conversing in apparently fluent French about the problems of the Third World. "Look," Mr Baker says, "they're doing geography in a foreign language. I haven't seen that before." He is very impressed and says so more than once, before heading off across the playground and into a sixth-form class.

Learning: Baker in the science ***laboratories at Goff's School***

At this point I am buttonholed by Mrs Iris Tarry, chairman of Hertfordshire's education committtee, who says she has been complaining to Mr Baker about capital allocations — the money local education authorities get to build, maintain and repair their schools. "Some of our *schools haven't been painted* for 16 years. It's a false economy not to repair rotting window frames," she says.

But we are off again. We inspect, in quick succession, a room full of computers, a fourth-year physics lesson and another in biology.

"I enjoyed that very much," Mr Baker says as we head for the door. "It's a very good school. It's very important for me to see what's going on instead of just sitting in my office and reading about it."

As we head down the path he says to Mrs Tarry: "We'll have to see about finding some more money." Mrs Tarry looks pleased.

Next there is lunch at County Hall. Mr Baker looks grey. At a press conference he is questioned about Mrs Tarry's plan to close 15 secondary schools in Hertfordshire because of falling rolls. He says be he will study the proposals thoroughly. "A long weekend's reading," he adds and looks even greyer.

By the time we get to Ludwick Nursery School in Welwyn Garden City, Mr Baker has revived. It is a brand new building, elaborately equipped and staffed and, once again, an example of state education at its best. The Secretary of State is soon on his knees, rolling plasticine, asking questions.

Before we leave, Mr Baker puts his arm around the headteacher, Mrs Ann Haxton, a warm, motherly figure who has run the school for 20 years. The gesture seems entirely appropriate — the degree to which a good school is the head's creation is *as clear here as it was at Goffs.*

The same message is reinforced at our last stop, the De Havilland College of Further Education. Mr Baker is told that three years ago local industrialists regarded the place as a "write off". A dynamic new principal, Mr John Evans, was appointed and now it is up-to-date and every student is guaranteed a job: once again, Mr Baker is impressed. "You mean if I get the right head for any crummy college in the country I can turn it round in three years?"

As he leaves, scattering congratulations, Mr Baker calls out to Mrs Tarry: "You don't have problems here, you just solve them!"

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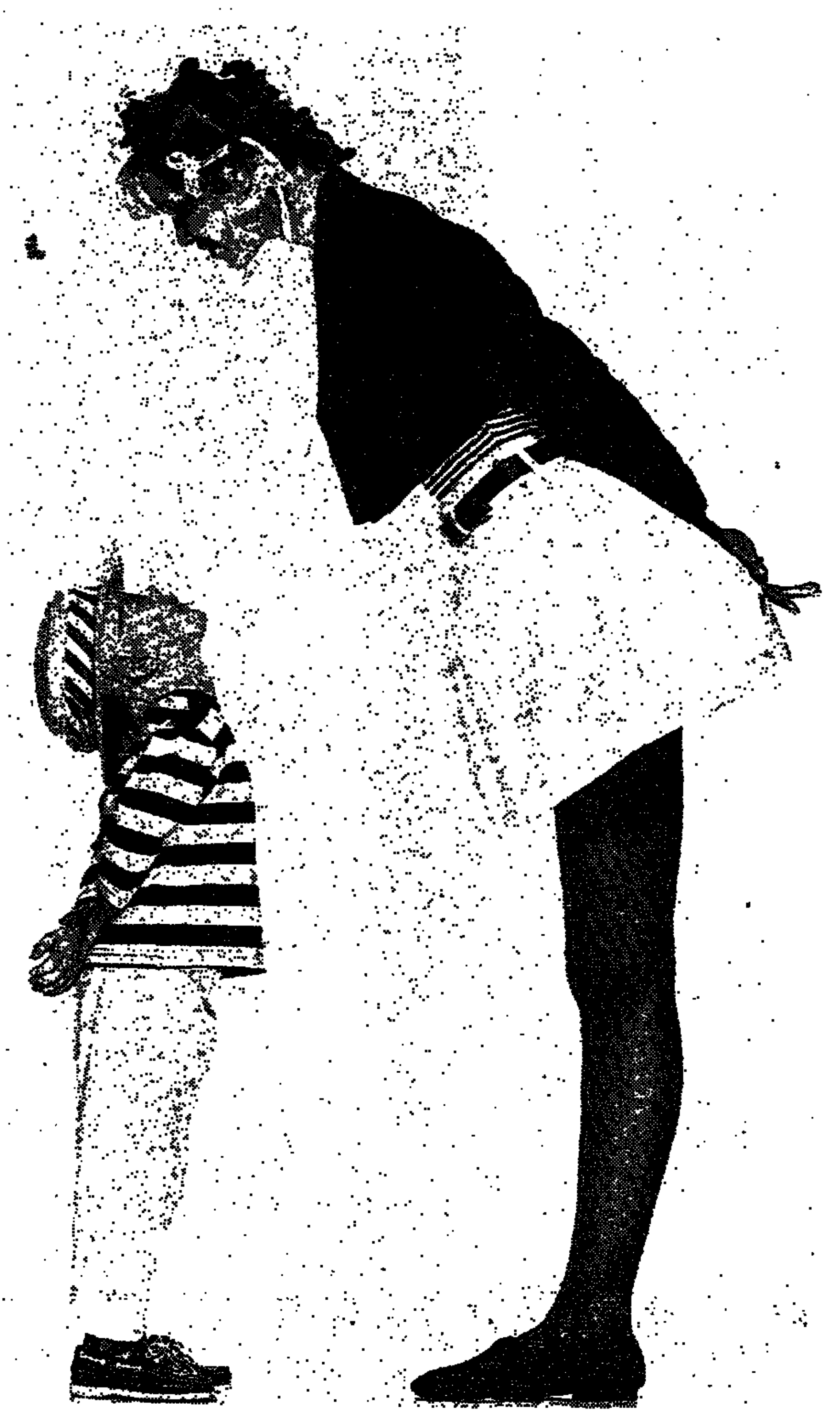
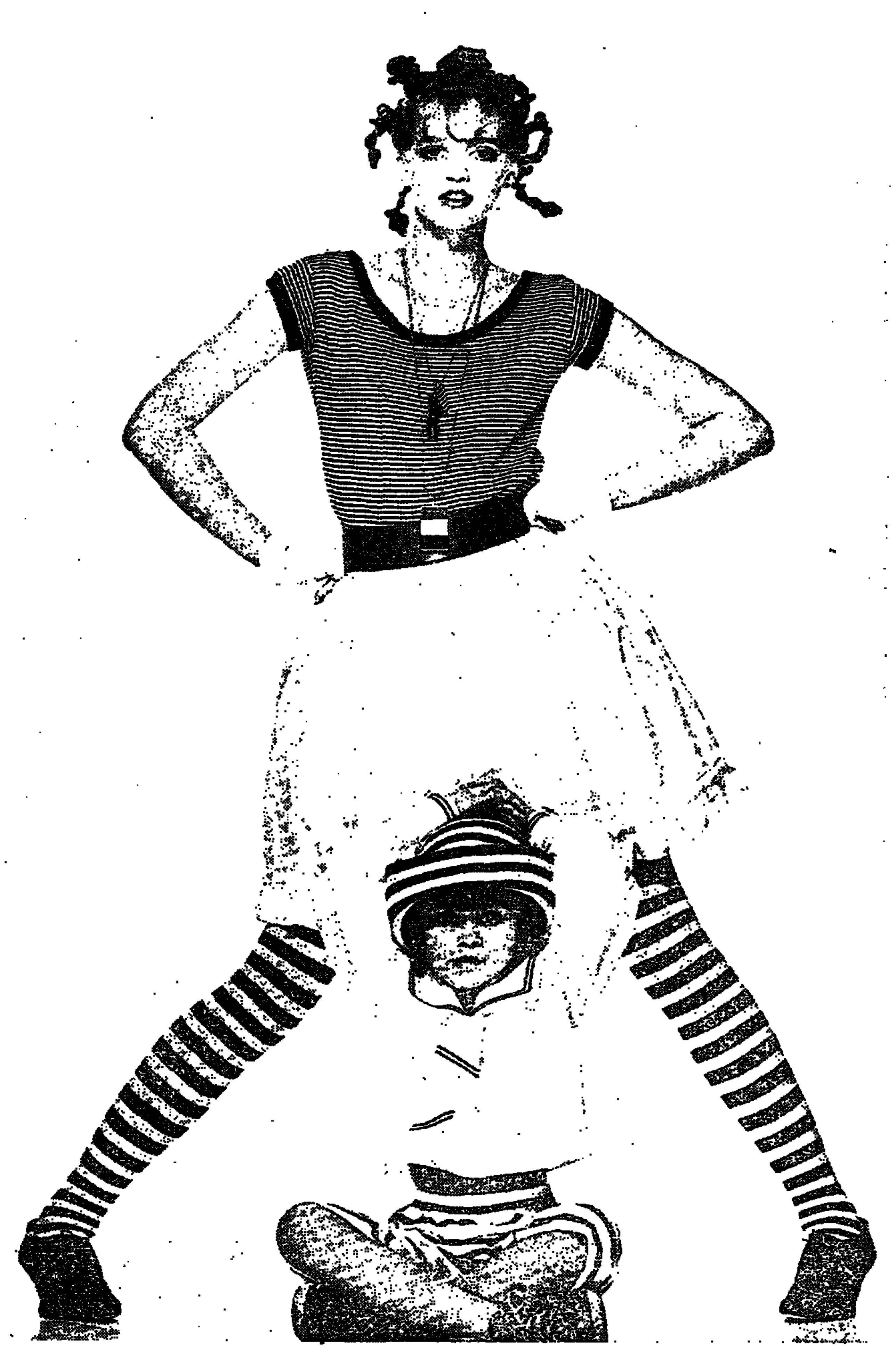
Splashes of fun for sailor maids

Stripes will star in this spring's soft nautical lines, with frivolity playing the lead role. **Jane Procter** explains why the top designers are joining the navy





So farewell, then, Fremantle. What went down had to come up and Dennis Conner is heading home with the America's Cup. Not for another three years will all that zinc sunblock be so visible. Exit the sailing wellies and the team liveries and enter instead the wittiest of the spring fashion — a style that perfectly parodies the international yachting scene, boasting the zaniest shapes and perkiest mood since clothes were last frivolous and fun — way back in the swinging Sixties.

It's a look that cries music-hall sailor, begs a boater and simply overflows with allusions to Gilbert and Sullivan. You could be mistaken for thinking that the sea and its armed forces were its sole inspiration.

But nautical is merely the packaging. The mini-crinoline, cropped jacket and wide palazzo pants teamed with stripes, gaping midriffs and shaped shoes are fashion's current darlings, and it is no accident that countless designers have had the wit to realize how well they translate into naval kit.

These, however, are not the clothes that constitute the regular seasonal nod to the navy — the ones we have grown to expect each spring when a designer's fancy turns to navy blue and white with a splash or two of red.

Instead of the leisurely lines of Trouville and Deauville, it is a huge welcome to the entire cast of *HMS Pinafore*. And like the heroes of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, the clothes are frivolous and flirty. Hooped crinolines, for goodness sake; net under bustles, my word — thank heaven for little girls!

The *ingenue* who chooses to wear these shorter frothy skirts is admittedly playing with her wardrobe, but then anyone who can remember the fancy-dress appeal of the Sixties will not find such a notion in the least bizarre.

Children can join in the fun and Laura Ashley is the best hunting ground for scaled-down sailor suits and jolly stripes at jolly reasonable prices.

Those who will find it hardest are the young hands who would look admirable wearing these quirkier cuts, but who simply need launching on a new tack away from their interminable loyalty to black, black and yet more black.

To tempt them I'll try and explain: the feel may be doll-like but the real key is a welcome lack of masculinity. The borrowed-from-the-boys gear of reefer jacket, officers' cap and peg-top trousers is redundant — replaced with clothes that curve and suits that suit a shape.

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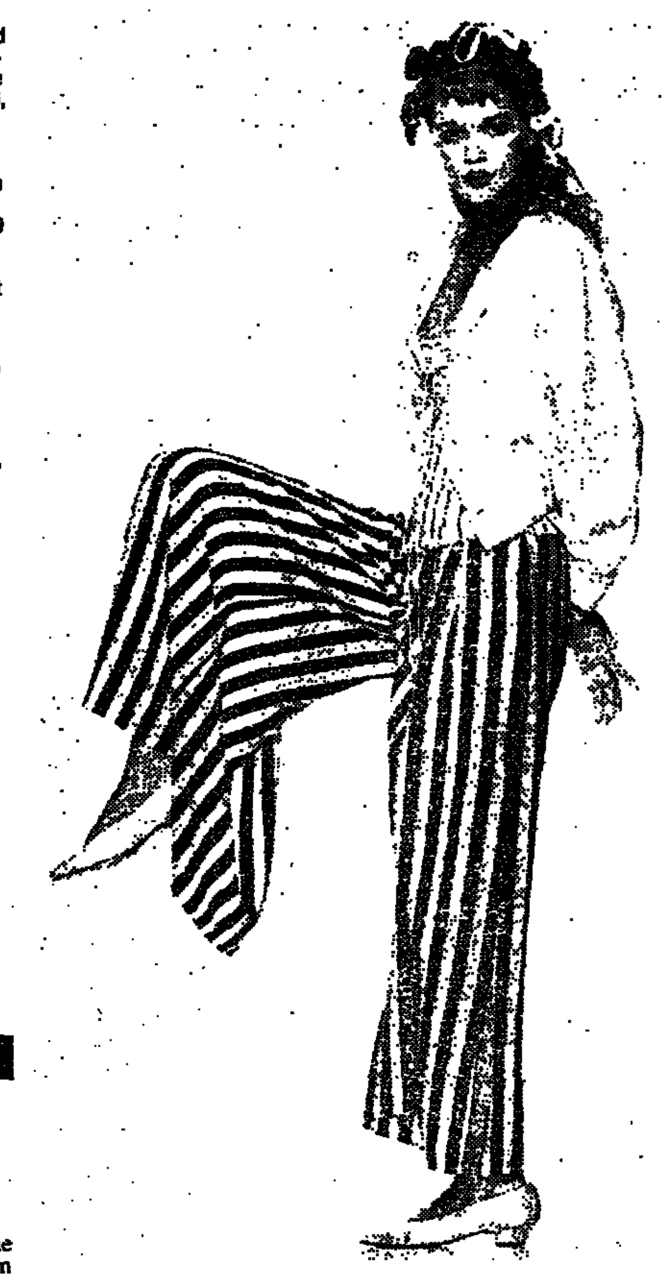
Above right: T-shirt, £48 from Nicole Farhi, SW1 and stockists nationwide. Mini-crinoline £50 from Vivienne Westwood, SW10. Belt £36, Osprey from Selfridges, W1. Tights, £2.50, Fenwicks, W1. Nautical necklaces, £7.50 each from Zone at Harvey Nichols, SW1. Cotton gloves, £16.99 Dickins & Jones, W1. Shoes, £125 from Midas, SW1. **KATIE:** Soft straw hat from Browns, W1. Cotton sailor top, £32.95, part of a suit, from Laura Ashley. Cotton jersey trousers, £30 from Cacharel, W1. Shoes, £4.99, Saxone.

Above: Cotton jacket, £113, skirt, £65, bustle petticoat, £32. Striped leotard, £46, lizard belt, £142 all from Jasper Conran, SW3; Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1; Cliche, Beaconsfield and Caroline Berry, Altringham, Cheshire. Suede slippers £80 by Emma Hope from Harpers, Edgeware. **MAX:** T-shirt and pants, £12.95 from Laura Ashley. Boater, £14 from Cacharel, W1. Deck shoes, £8.99 from Ravel.

Right: Cotton bell-hop jacket, £166 by Nicole Farhi as above. Striped corset top £36 by Jane Stott from Zone at Harvey Nichols, SW1. Silk palazzo pants, £195 by Alistair Blair from Lucienne Phillips, SW1. Satin pumps, £79.50 from Rayne, W1.



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Facing up to it

Playing your part in *Pinafore* is not just a matter of climbing into your new spinnaker-shaped skirt or pulling on a perky straw hat. More important, you need to take a whole new approach to your face and hair. Nothing would spoil these clothes more than a *Dynasty* crowning glory or a glamour-puss painted face, unless it was the solemn scowl that looked so good atop a black suit and Doc Marten boots.

A neat crop or a swinging bob will do very nicely, but the best head carries the theme of the clothes and is ringleted, beribboned, ragged or knotted. The joy of the piccaninny head is that one style leads to another: if you start by dividing the hair into sections, then twisting each one tightly and securing in a knot which is pinned in place against the head as we did (right) you can graduate to ringlets and even on to a wildly-curling mane. Knots may be the province of the long locked but twisting and curling into tight ringlets will work on all but the shortest crops.

All curled and coloured: Barbara Daly's make-up for spring: hair by Martin Unerman for Sannzz; hat by Laura Ashley, £26.95

Conversely, the new face bears not a scrap of music-hall innuendo — for, with a frock and locks that hog all the comic lines, the last thing you need is red dots on your cheeks as well. Instead, a fresh glowing skin is the ideal — a fairly major leap from the powdered and bleak faces of winter.

To perfect the look we asked Britain's leading make-up artist, Barbara Daly, to paint the definitive face for spring 1987.

Barbara used the products from the Colourings range she has created in collaboration with the international Body Shop chain. The products are pure, simple, non-animal tested and inexpensive, with no costly packaging or advertising hype to jack up the prices.

But, for Barbara, establishing the best quality products is only the half of it: the right equipment — brushes, puffs, combs and the knowledge of how to use them — is ultimately far more important. She concentrates on perfecting the printed information sheets that accompany Colourings, and which instruct on such matters as how to wield a pair of eyelash curlers.

Starting with a light and natural base 02 (£2.25) and a fine veil of loose powder (£2.85) Barbara proceeded to paint the perfect face. She mixed golden yellow 01 and copper 04 eye shadows (£1.85 a pot) across the eyelid using a copper 04 eye-shadow crayon (£2.65) in the socket, then covered the lashes with a light application of walnut brown mascara 02 (£1.55), emphasizing the effect by brushing the eyebrows upwards.

She used a warm brick blusher 01 (£1.95) to liven up the face and a rich russet lip colour 03 (£1.95) to complete the vibrant spring look.

As she says: "It is time to use more colour — clear see-through colour applied on a lightly powdered face. It is definition without being dated. It is very important, with the retrospective feel of fashion right now, to keep the face looking contemporary and vital and to avoid any form of nostalgia."

PEOPLE

Slim line tonic

● Despite rumours that the 32-page advertising feature in last September's *Vogue* had bankrupted **Robert Devorik's** Regine empire, I am pleased to report that he is fighting fit. A little leaner, maybe — the bad retail climate of 1986 caused some shrinkage: both **Gianfranco Ferre and Gianni Versace**, represented by Devorik here, have lost one of their two London outlets. Fuelling the gossip, Regine has forsaken its Bond Street flagship while the building is being renovated. Whether Roberto and Co return is down to the size of the revamped rent. But for the time being at least you'll find the Regine shop squatting in the old Versace base at 35 Brook Street, London, W1.

● *By the time the* ***Duchess of Windsor's*** *spectacular collection of jewels goes on sale in Geneva on April 2 and 3, Cartier's 1927 panthers will be as familiar and desired as the more pedestrian of the Cartier classics, such as the tank and Santos watches. They have already spawned imitations.*

Pink Soda*, who can always be relied on to run up a good idea (its Chanel-inspired bags, suits and chains were the cheapest and the quickest off the mark last year), has come up with the perfect paste panther. Bejewelled with glass rather than diamonds and rubies, and fashioned from gilt not gold, the brooch looks suitably luxe secured to a tailored lapel or provocatively pinned at the throat. The bangle can be made to twist charmingly round a slim wrist.*

Cartier shouldn't really worry that the copy cats are at it again. The customer interested in Cartier's brilliant baubles (£28,000 and up) is hardly likely to take the escalator down to the ***Zone*** *department of* ***Harvey Nichols*** *to buy the Pink Soda contributions, which cost £16.99 for the bangle and £18.99 for the brooch. They are also available by mail order from Pink Soda, 57 Great Portland Street, W1 (£1.50 p & p).*

Cartier will just have to face up to the sincerest form of flattery. If you like to gaze at or for that matter purchase the real thing, ***Cartier London****, 175 New Bond Street, London W1 is currently hosting a "spectacular" exhibition of jewellery.*

For anyone with a penchant for beasts with a story to tell, the Geneva sale of the genuine articles includes two panther brooches and bangle, and one tiger brooch and bracelet.

● On Friday the thirteenth, glitterati jewellers **Monty Don** are displaying a serious lapse of taste and indulging in a love line. Ardent Valentiners can ring, credit card in hand, 01-584 3034 to buy the belle of their hearts' desire a present of pearls, paste, pewter or whatever else in the junk-gems line grabs their ear from this Knightsbridge emporium. Prices are from £30 to £300 and these costume pieces have the kudos of being recognized by the terminally trendy. Personally I feel nothing beats fresh flowers, but I'd much rather have a pair of Monty Don heraldic earclips than a box of chocs. Gifts will be personally delivered in time for V-day (cost of courier in London, approximately £5: out of town deliveries in accordance with Red Star).

● *Muriel Gray, fashion's answer to* ***Paula Yates****, has her work cut out this month: not only will she launch* ***Frocks on The Box*** *for* ***TVS*** *on February 19, she will also be compering the* ***Smirnoff UK Fashion Awards*** *at the Albert Hall on February 25. The competition, which sorts the sheep from the goats of student fashion, is also being shown on ITV the following evening, billed as* ***Fashion '87****. Tickets £5 each from Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212).*

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Title bout

Lord Lichfield is selling his birthright again. Fourteen months after the Queen's cousin parted with four lordships of the manor from his 8,000-acre estate in Staffordshire for £46,000, his auctioneers, Bernard Thorpe, will offer two Lichfield handles at a bumper auction of 35 titles in April. The sale is at least partly necessary, it seems, because things did not go entirely smoothly at the last sale. Major Rodney Hazzard, the earl's Shughborough Hall estate manager, tells me that the November 1985 auction, designed to raise money for estate upkeep, attracted considerable interest. However, the American who put down a deposit for the title Preband of Alrewas failed to complete his purchase. Title hunters will thus have a second crack at it.

Warning shots

Salvage teams eager to snatch the Titanic's treasure from Davy Jones's locker now have the Canadian government to contend with as well as the elements, 320 nautical miles southeast of Newfoundland. The Canadian Department of External Affairs has given warning that it will take a dim view should any group or country attempt to salvage the ship. A convention designating the area Canadian territory was ratified in 1982 by every country except the one most likely to harbour fortune-divers impatient to ransack the watery tomb: the USA. A Texas oilman, Russ Grimm, who has expressed an interest, will have to act quickly, however. The US Senate is planning to push through legislation designating the wreck a memorial that must remain inviolate.

● **Quite what calibre of pupil is sought by Cranbrook school in Kent is anybody's guess. A reader has sent me Cranbrook's advert from *Kent Life* which makes the unusual claim: "Scholastic results are impossible."**

Wicked

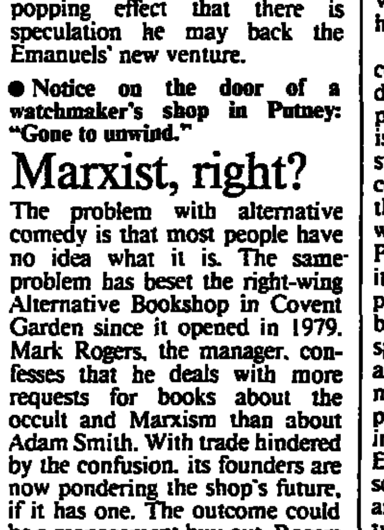
The Princess of Wales's favourite off-the-peg designers, Elizabeth and David Emanuel, are considering opening a shop in Los Angeles, I understand. The couple have just returned from L.A. where they have been creating clothes for Jane Seymour, currently the closest thing to royalty in the States. Among the costumes they squeezed her into — to illustrate her book, *Guide to Romantic Living* — was a copy of Margaret Lockwood's *Wicked Lady* dress. Miss Seymour's husband, David Flynn, was apparently so impressed by the bodice-popping effect that there is speculation he may back the Emanuels' new venture.

● **Notice on the door of a watchmaker's shop in Putney: "Gone to unwind."**

Marxist, right?

The problem with alternative comedy is that most people have no idea what it is. The same problem has beset the right-wing Alternative Bookshop in Covent Garden since it opened in 1979. Mark Rogers, the manager, confesses that he deals with more requests for books about the occult and Marxism than about Adam Smith. With trade hindered by the confusion, its founders are now pondering the shop's future, if it has one. The outcome could be a management buy-out. Rogers tells me: "The first thing I would do is change the name."

BARRY FANTONI



'Gerald's furious. I posted his pools coupon but forgot his application for director-general'

Bin people

For the couple who have everything: among commercially sponsored litter-bins in Kensington High Street there is now one bearing a sign, "Sponsored by Melinda for Guy and Monica on their 30th wedding anniversary". Kensington and Chelsea council tells me the cost is £150 a year.

Croc crit

The huge commercial success of Bernard Levin's favourite film, *Crocodile Dundee*, has brought some problems for New York's Plaza Hotel. In the film the Croc stays at the Plaza and finds difficulty in understanding all its mod-cons. It seems, however, that in real life rooms at the Plaza lack the convenience with which Dundee had most trouble. Plaza staff, I am told, have now lost count of the number of guests who have telephoned reception in outrage, demanding an explanation for the lack of a bidet.

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Beyond unconscious Britain

Bernard Williams prescribes reflectiveness for a grumbling, uncomprehending culture

People often mark a failure of concern by saying that someone "doesn't want to know". It is said by those who cannot get a job about those who do not want to hire them, and by the neglected old about those who neglect them. In these cases, of course, the people who do not want to know do have some knowledge, if only that there is something it would be distressing to look into.

But there is a further stage of not wanting to know, in which one loses even any sense that there might be something to be found out. It is at this deeper level, I suspect, that most British people do not want to know about the state of Britain.

Almost all of us share a feeling that the state of things is bad, and we bore visitors and each other by moaning about it. There are diagnoses, and there are some recipes for political action. But none of them seems to be grounded in any very deep reflection about our historical situation; how we came to this point, and what this society might now be.

Moreover, even this lack itself is overlooked in public discussion; no one seems very surprised by the silence or the mere grumbling they find, where they might expect at least a search for self-understanding. As a nation we seem to be like an adolescent, self-conscious but not seriously reflective.

Britain has never been the most reflective of countries. Even allowing for the high level of public discussion at certain junctures of the 19th century, perhaps the last occasion on which very articulate debates about basic matters deeply affected the fate of the nation was at the time of the Civil War; and perhaps that in itself has helped to keep people away from such things.

Many have seen this low level of reflectiveness as a political virtue; and there is a perfectly decent case for thinking that in the past it has done Britain some good.

A sense of continuity, complex shared understandings, and a social fabric more reliable than anyone's explanation of it, were by no means the absolute virtues that Edmund Burke or the old Tory party made of them: they sustained a lot of humbug and injustice, and they no doubt contributed a lot to the industrial backwardness and neglect which at last we have come to see.

But they also contributed to making Britain a place that many people, including many from elsewhere, liked to live in. Some are nostalgic for that society, some suspicious of it; many are both at once. But what everyone has to see is that it has gone, and will not come again. This means that unreflectiveness will no longer serve — and there are two different levels on which that is true.

For one thing, we do not really understand what these changes are, and we need a more adequate picture of them. Beyond that, our institutions must themselves change, so as to rely less on tacit understandings, and more on explicit claims, formulated rights, and open argument. This is not a matter of timeless political ideals, but of recognizing how things are. It is no longer the same country and it cannot work the same way.

Mrs Thatcher and her associates have in part seen that it is not the same country and, to that extent, they deserve real credit. The trouble is that they have seen it only in part. Sometimes they assume that it is an even older version of the old place, and fall back on Victorian moralizing or Edwardian jingoism. Sometimes they seem to forget that it is a country at all, and think of Britain just as an economic environment, with beady-eyed entrepreneurs running around like newly emerged mammals among the bones of the dinosaurs.

To make such things as more reflective government and more transparent institutions possible, and to make them work, we need an altogether more reflective and articulate culture than Britain has enjoyed in the past. This has consequences for the education system, at all levels.

For one thing, it means that we must have adequate provision for the study of the humanities. To understand this new country, we need to know where it has come from, how British society has radically changed, and no one can do that without the help of history and the other disciplines that can give one insight into a culture. There can never have been a society that more needed to understand itself than this one.

It is not only a matter of encouraging humane studies in higher and further education. The aim must be that people throughout the society should command the means to express themselves, to question what is taken for granted, and to understand the world they are in.

To support that aim, at least in words, is of course part of the conventional wisdom; but the wisdom usually sees it just as a desirable objective, to spread the good of education around society. On that view of it, you can easily think that it is just another social ideal that must be postponed when times are hard. But the hard times mean, on the contrary, that the aim of a wider more articulate education is a necessity.

Unless that aim is taken seriously, which implies spending money on it, the old inarticulate country will not turn into a new and more reflective one. It will merely have become a resentful, disordered, despairing slum.

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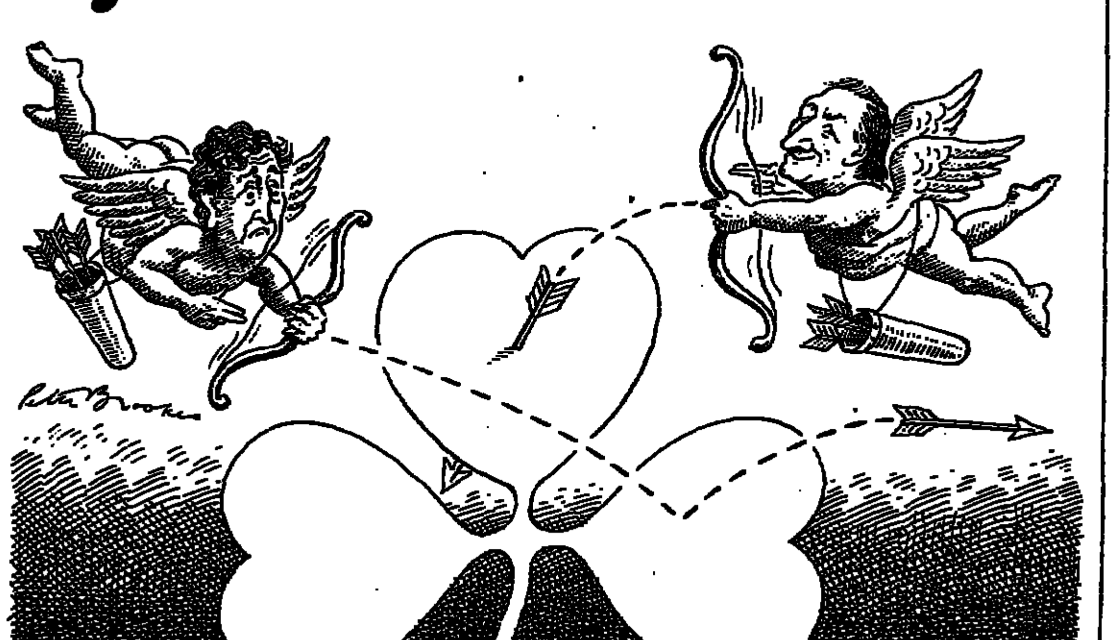
Richard Ford on the reason for Ireland's rejection of Garret the Good

Haughey wins their hearts



He looks a beaten man. Grey and tired, Garret FitzGerald has been greeted in Cork with shouts that he has "ruined the country", and in Limerick with "go home Garret". On the doorsteps his Fine Gael candidates meet sullen resentment at the economic failures of the past four years. Short of a huge shift in public opinion before the general election next Tuesday, the party is heading for defeat and knows it.

The electoral strategy that brought a "no win, no hope party" to power and an historic number of seats in the Dail seem unlikely to work a second time. Spelling out the economic realities has not produced a swing back to a government that is attempting with breathtaking audacity to return to power as if it really cannot be blamed for the last dismal four years.

In 1982, having successfully sold the country fiscal rectitude, the ideological contradictions between Fine Gael and Labour in government made it impossible for FitzGerald to deliver the savage surgery needed to rescue the nation's economy. And the voters don't seem prepared to buy his message again.

The economy is in parlous condition. The current budget deficit at Ir£1,395 million, or 8.5 per cent of gross national product, is a record in the history of the state. Government spending exceeds revenue by 30 per cent, and the national debt is Ir£24 billion, with almost all revenue from PAYE taxation going on servicing it. Taxation has been forced to punitive levels to pay for past borrowings used in a spending spree on welfare, education, health and state industries. Unemployment has reached 254,528, or 19.3 per cent, and is the second highest in percentage terms in the EEC. Emigration has resumed on a large scale, with 30,000 leaving last year and thousands more longing to turn their backs on the "old sod".

FitzGerald's economic successes, like reducing inflation to 4 per cent, improving the performance of semi-state industries and reducing annual exchequer borrowing, failed to enliven the economy. And the hair shirt he is offering the electorate by pledging Ir£210 million spending cuts, together with an assault on restrictive labour practices and privatization of some state-owned industries, looks like a suicidal political gamble.

He had hoped to force Fianna Fail's Charles Haughey to respond with details of his party's public spending cuts, in the expectation that the last days of the campaign would revolve around the simple question of who the voters preferred to administer the nasty dose of medicine. Fine Gael was in no doubt that Garret the Good could win that contest. But Haughey failed to oblige.

Haughey has offered few hostages to fortune, refusing to give any details of economic policy apart from promising to maintain public spending at present levels while going for an annual growth rate of 2.5 per cent. But even some of Haughey's closest aides doubt whether the economy can be turned round in the lifetime of a five-year parliament.

Whoever wins knows that a time-bomb is ticking away under Irish society: a third of the population is still at school and will eventually want jobs. Forty per cent of the population depends on a weekly social welfare payment and it is doubted whether the republic can afford the social service and education system it has created and expanded so rapidly in the past 20 years. Haughey himself has admitted that if unemployment and the present budget deficit have not fallen within two years of his taking office, he will consider his economic policies have failed.

Instead of spelling out economic realities to an electorate dulled by repetition of budgetary statistics, Fianna Fail is cleverly selling optimism, with vague and idealistic talk of instilling hope and confidence in the Irish people. And the "Haughey factor", which did so much damage in earlier contests with FitzGerald, no longer works to such effect. The roles have been reversed, with the Prime Minister facing a credibility problem in fighting on his record, and his coalition's failure highlighting a longing among the electorate for strong government.

"Only single-party government can work for you," shriek the opposition election posters, while party broadcasts extol the virtues of Haughey's toughness and single-minded determination. The people seem to want someone to govern rather than talk about governing, though they may in their wisdom, and remembering Haughey's scandal-ridden last government, ensure his majority is not too big.

His party is now so confident that it openly admits to past discord as a way of emphasizing present cohesion behind its leader. His dominance is total, and only two days ago he had to clarify comments made by the party's foreign affairs spokesman on the Anglo-Irish agreement, saying of his colleague: "If he said anything else, he didn't mean to." No wonder his fiercest opponents remember with concern the jocular remarks of Haughey's press secretary three years ago when he described the new policy line as "Uno duce, una voce".

Short of a miracle FitzGerald can return to power only with the support of the Progressive Democrats, a "break-the-mould" yuppie-style party borne out of the upheavals within Fianna Fail. Led by Desmond O'Malley, its policies on the economy and Northern Ireland make it a natural ally for FitzGerald but, despite a good showing in the opinion polls due to "freshness appeal", there is doubt whether this will translate into seats. In any case, the projected number of seats for both parties would not give them an overall majority.

But the PDs may prevent Haughey achieving the overall majority he so dearly wishes, while also heralding a realignment within Irish politics, with Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats on the right, and Fianna Fail with Labour on the left. Labour has already decided to avoid coalition, in order to return to its base and rebuild support that is being nibbled away by two leftist parties, Provisional Sinn Fein and the Workers Party.

The only other hope for the Prime Minister is in the large numbers of "don't knows", which many suspect are disillusioned Fine Gael voters who will return to the fold on polling day. FitzGerald may also try to focus attention on his one major achievement, the Anglo-Irish agreement. But the "unfinished business" of the north is considered an issue by just 4 per cent of the electorate.

With Haughey apparently confident of power, Fine Gael is now engaged in an operation to limit the disaster that appears to be looming. Party workers openly speculate on the leader who will replace FitzGerald, whose major speeches of the campaign have increasingly sounded valedictory. But the unanswered question of the campaign concerns Haughey.

In 1979, on becoming prime minister for the first time, Haughey knew what needed to be done, but failed to act, either through fear of unpopularity or because of internal party dissention. His closest aides argue that all of that is past, and with an overall majority he will fulfil the promise of his earlier ministerial career and emulate his father-in-law, Sean Lemass, to chart a path of economic recovery.

Despite his controversial past the Irish electorate appears willing to give him one more try. Only time will tell whether their judgement is right.

Anne Sofer

A creaking in the bulwark

Neil Kinnock opened the Labour Party local government conference last Friday by portraying Labour authorities as the great bulwark of the welfare state. Does he believe it? Does he know what is happening in inner London?

While watching him on television news that night I was turning the pages of my local paper, the "Ham and High". For the second week running its front page carried the latest in a local scandal — an independent report on the state of the borough's old people's homes. It started with the blunt statement: "It appears that effective management of residential care in Camden has broken down."

Among its criticisms were: that no effective disciplinary action is taken against staff for violence, neglect of duty or openly abusive behaviour towards residents; that care assistants in one home were allowed to take one hour's tea break all at the same time, leaving an elderly resident naked and blue with cold; that in another home urine and faeces were not cleaned up; that managers suffered from a total feeling of impotence.

The night before, somebody had slipped me a copy of a confidential memo written by a Labour councillor on other issues. "The council's spending [it said] has increased by a third in real terms since 1982 — does anyone really believe that services have been improved and extended by a third? Isn't the overwhelming perception that things have actually got worse?

"The Group does not control the Council," he concluded with frustration.

But other councillors do not seem to realize the extent either of their impotence or their responsibility. The chairman of the social services committee reacted to the report on old people's homes by saying he would "campaign to put them right". (*Campaign*? Is he merely a pressure group?) The former chairman of social services, also Labour, said he knew of the appalling situation two years ago, but that it "took time" to consult the necessary people and decide what to do.

At the root of this scandal is one gently-worded but damning single sentence of the report: "The council's concern to be a good employer became carried to a point at which elderly patients suffered." What we have here is the not-very-new problem of the Labour Party's difficulty in dealing with the unions, but given a new hard-left twist.

Since the public sector unions in London have in large measure fallen under the control of the same extremist forces that have taken over the London Labour Party, and since they have a dominant voice within the local Labour parties, the councillors have become their creatures. And in doing everything which the Trotskyist (or in some cases merely bloody-minded) shop stewards demand, they are of course not being good employers.

Morale, by common consent, is rock-bottom. Conscientious workers, as the report commented, become so demoralized that they become ill or leave, or both.

Camden is certainly not unique. There are also numerous examples of neglect of the consumer in the Inner London Education Authority. Recently I heard of a school where two teachers of English as a second language to immigrant children had been allowed to sit in the staff room doing nothing for eight months while their "grievance" was being heard. They had objected to being asked to teach in an annexe.

Or take another example on a wider scale. Currently, Ilea has more than 800 surplus teachers sitting in schools where they are not needed, because the Labour members caved in to union pressure against redeployment. Meanwhile thousands of children are being sent home every week because there are unfilled vacancies in other schools. There are 50 vacancies for maths and science teachers, but 73 teachers of these subjects are surplus to requirements in other schools.

This is the reality behind Neil Kinnock's wishful thinking. His Labour councils are increasingly places dominated by the unacceptable face of trade unionism; old people left to go blue with cold and immigrant children deprived of English-teaching; and Labour councillors who are so trapped by left-wing rhetoric of solidarity with the unions that they can do nothing about it.

In their impotence, they create more committees and working parties and larger bureaucracies; they pay for more and more publicity to cover up the fact that they have lost their heart.

My pirated memo from the Labour councillor comments wryly on the fact that Camden has spent considerable sums on homosexual units and advisers, but is unable to provide home helps for Aids victims because of union resistance. "We are frozen into an objectively reactionary position . . . by our lack of control and authority."

This is what the Greenwich by-election should be about. The Labour candidate, Deirdre Wood, has been attacked for being "hard left". Far more damning is her record as "chair" of the Ilea staff committee, the very committee responsible for the authority's craven industrial relations policy since 1981. During that period the budget has continued to grow; in particular spending on administration — Deidre Wood's own particular fiefdom — has doubled. But widespread demoralization among heads and senior managers, acrimony in staffrooms, and children repeatedly turned out on the streets during school hours, have become the order of the day.

Mr Kinnock has those about him who know how much harm his candidate in Greenwich has done, and I hope that, as he clasps her so cosily to his bosom, he feels a chill in his heart.

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

It's all Welsh to the uninitiated

Yesterday's business included questions to ministers from the Welsh Office, questions to the Second Church Estates Commissioner, and a debate on nuclear waste disposal. The programme schedulers who choose the business for each day were continuing with their courageous policy of making Monday minority interest day. They recognize that Wales, religion and radiation will never be able to command more than tiny audiences among MPs.

But they believe that the average backbencher, who would normally sit slumped in front of such undemanding fare as *Questions to the Prime Minister*, or a Dale Campbell-Savours point of order about a Government cover-up, can be lead on to appreciate Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab) asking the Secretary of State for Wales how much money was available for loft insulation grants in Wales in 1986-87, or Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP) asking for a statement on the Welsh Department's policy on, and level of per capita support for, the promotion of the Welsh language.

There are those who argue that to adopt this attitude to what members should watch during their spare time is paternalist. Why shouldn't an MP, at the end of a hard morning dictating letters to his secretary which call on the whole range of his ignorance, relax to the sound of a Gerald Kaufman question to the Home Secretary on the police — with its violence, absurd plot, cardboard villains, but undeniable energy? Or so the argument runs among libertarians who believe that MPs should be left to watch what they like.

But it would be a poor prospect for our civilization if Parliament were to consist entirely of old Kaufmans and reshowings of classic Hattersleys. There is much else to the House. The high quality of yesterday's programmes was proved by the chamber being virtually empty. The absentees missed many subtle pleasures. For example, the more vigilant would have noticed that the above-mentioned Mr Kennedy has an Irish name, sits for a Scottish constituency and was asking a question about the Welsh language. What was his game?

Mr Wynn Roberts, the Under-Secretary for Wales, gave him the figures. Then Mr Kennedy told him that there was "a considerable feeling" in Scotland that, in the matter of government spending on promoting national languages, "the Welsh are doing better than the Gaels". Mr Kennedy ignored the equally considerable feeling in England that the Government was not spending enough on encouraging the development in Scotland of English. We Londonders have great difficulty in understanding Scottish football managers or the Caledonian drunks who enliven our railway termini with what seem to be requests for the price of an aperitif.

Not that it would have the support of Mr Eric Forth, the Tory member for Mid Worcs. He is just the sort of non-committed viewer whom Welsh question time is trying to attract. But he showed himself to be rather a philistine by briskly opining that "despite all this expenditure, the use of minority languages whether Welsh, Gaelic or Gujarati is a divisive factor". (Cries of "rubbish" from Welsh Labour members, but in English). The Minister did not agree, at least not about Welsh.

There was also an intervention from a representative of another embattled national group which feels itself surrounded by a hostile society — a backbencher from Wales who is also a Conservative. Mr Keith Best (Ynys Mon, C) protested that Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg had invited Sinn Fein representatives to Wales. Later inquiries revealed that Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg was the Welsh Language Society. We Londoners had to take that information on trust.

To us it could have been a Welsh MP, or a Welsh constituency, since one such constituency is called Meirionnydd Nant Conwy or perhaps that's the MP. You learn a lot watching Welsh questions. The second Church Estates Commissioner, incidentally, is a Tory, Mr William van Straubenzee: at last an English name.

From Geneva, a whiff of the trenches?

Chemical weapons have been viewed with horror ever since the chlorine and mustard gas attacks of the First World War, and the recent use of gases by the Iraqis in the Gulf War has reminded the world of their appalling consequences. The latest effort at international prohibition, however, could have the contrary effect of making the use of chemical weapons more likely.

The 40-nation International Disarmament Conference, which resumed in Geneva last week, is working hard for a treaty banning production. If agreement is not reached by the autumn the United States is threatening to manufacture a new generation of chemical weapons (which would be stored in America rather than Europe).

The use (as opposed to the possession) of chemical and biological weapons is already prohibited by an arms control agreement dating from 1925. Backed up by deterrence, this even survived the last war, in which chemical weapons were used only by Japan against China — which could not retaliate.

On all the other fronts the combatants considered that the military advantages of using chemical weapons were outweighed by the certainty of retaliation. Deterrence continued to operate when France fell to Germany in 1940, when Russia was threatened with defeat in 1941, and when Germany was overrun in 1945.

If we ban the production of chemical weapons we remove deterrence and greatly increase the advantages which a state would gain from concealing such weapons for use in war. Deterrence is already weakening in Europe because Western stocks are known to be small and decaying. Consequently, most Western experts believe that the Soviet Union would be far more likely to launch chemical weapons against key targets, such as airfields, than nuclear weapons, with all the dangers of escalation they would involve.

There are nevertheless powerful arguments for trying to ban the production of chemical weapons. The first is that we should do everything possible both by example and by international law to reduce the likelihood of Third World states using them. War is more likely to occur in Asia and Africa than in Europe.

On the other hand the Iraqis have already openly flouted the 1925 agreement by using lethal gases. Why should they or any other Third World state abide by a second agreement when they have ignored the first?

The second argument is political. After almost a decade without an arms control agreement being signed by the superpowers, the recent Stockholm agreement on confidence-building measures has "broken the ice". What are now needed are measures to improve East-West relations.

In the short term a ban on chemical weapons could thus be very helpful, but in the long term the political benefits are more doubtful. The 1972 ban on biological weapons was followed almost immediately by allegations that the Soviet Union was continuing to produce them — the highest ranking Soviet official to defect to the West, Arkady Shevchenko, supported this view. A ban on chemical weapons would certainly prompt similar accusations, since adherence could not be adequately verified. Accusations of bad faith would in turn erode East-West confidence and goodwill.

All this suggests that we might be better advised to stand by the 1925 agreement. We should try to deter the use of chemical weapons by making clear that we have a small but modern stockpile, and will use it only in retaliation.

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THE HATTERSLEY PLAN

The prospect of substantial tax cuts in the Budget confronts Labour with a political problem. It is one which the Shadow Cabinet has chosen to meet head on. Tax cuts, said Mr Roy Hattersley at the weekend, are the wrong prescription for Britain both socially and economically and Labour will reverse them.

It is not difficult to see why Labour should choose what is from a tactical point of view the high risk strategy of promising the British voter a higher tax bill. Labour needs a way of undermining the impact of the Budget in advance.

It also has a credibility gap to bridge on its spending plans, for while there is plenty of support for better public services no-one believes they come free. Mr Hattersley has not forgotten his own analysis of the 1983 election disaster when, as he put it, nobody believed Labour's policies. To suggest that Britain can have both tax cuts and Labour style public spending would be simply incredible.

But Labour's arguments deserve to be looked at in their fundamentals rather than just as tactics. Mr Hattersley is not alone in thinking that there is some danger of the economy overheating and that some caution over tax cuts is prudent. Although the figures released yesterday suggest that retail sales have not been growing quite as fast as was thought, consumer credit has been very buoyant, the money supply on the broad measure has been over-running its target most of this financial year and there are signs of renewed inflation in yesterday's producer price indexes.

In these circumstances, says Mr Hattersley, cutting taxes will create jobs — but only in Cologne and Tokyo. Putting extra money in people's pockets will further fuel the consumer boom, suck in imports and lead directly to a balance of payments crisis. That is why he believes the Government will call an early electionbefore economic nemesis overtakes it.

This argument is a classic example of demand-side myopia. It presupposes that the only effect of cutting taxes will be on demand in the economy and ignores any potential effects on the capacity of the economy to supply.

Supply-side effects are certainly difficult to measure, but that is no reason for not taking them into account. It is difficult to believe that lowering the rate at which we start to pay tax or raising the tax threshold will have absolutely no effect on people's willingness to work or that bringing down higher rates will not increase the incentive to earn.

Increasing the efficiency of British industry— or improving the supply side of the economy in the terminology of economists — is the fundamental challenge of economic management and one on which Labour's proposals have little to offer. There is nothing wrong with increasing demand in a controlled way if supply can be expanded at the same time to meet it. Supply side policies spread much wider than taxation and include competition policy and trade union law. The idea that extra demand in Britain can only ever be satisfied by workers in Germany and Japan is surely a counsel of despair.

As it happens, British industry appears to be responding to the consumer boom rather more effectively now than in past economic upturns. Mr Hattersley is right to imply that tax cuts have always tended to generate more imports than an equivalent amount of public spending. But the latest evidence suggests that the current account is not heading into deficit as fast as recently seemed likely.

In the final quarter of 1986 export volume, excluding oil and erratic items, rose six per cent on the previous quarter compared with an equivalent rise in import volume of 3.5 per cent. Last year's devaluation coupled with big productivity gains which are keeping unit costs down has put industry in a better position to respond to the demands placed upon it than for a long time past.

ARE WOMEN PRIESTS WORTH A SCHISM?

It was never to be expected that the Church of England would find a way of introducing women priests into its ministry while keeping quite happy those who were utterly opposed to the very principle. The instinct for the avoidance of conflict, which has become a mark of Anglican polity in recent years, was always bound to be disappointed. So strong an instinct is it, however, that when the General Synod was faced with a report which spelled out the logical and painful consequences of ordaining women, the synod knew not which way to go.

A "Church of England A" and a "Church of England B", one feminist and one traditionalist, did indeed look daunting. The House of Bishops took the problem on to its shoulders, and is about to report back. But its findings still hark back to the old days of harmony and peace, as if damage-limitation were its only concern. If the church proceeds much further down that road, the introduction of women priests, supposed to be a sign of enlightenment, will be overshadowed by the messy attempt to implement an unworkable compromise — or, even more likely, its dramatic collapse.

Reading between the lines of the report of the House of Bishops, which is due for consideration by the General Synod in two weeks time, it is apparent that the only options are painful. The differences are too profound to be reconciled theologically, and now the bishops have shown they cannot be reconciled administratively either (though they half-heartedly pretend they can).

They propose that some parishes, on the say-so of the incumbent minister or church council, should not have to accept women priests if they do not want to; and some dioceses, according to the wishes of the bishop or his local synod, need not ordain them or have them ministering in that district. So some dioceses will have women priests and some will not; and some with women priests will have parishes which refuse to acknowledge them.

Such a situation would be precarious (and ridiculous) enough; but it would be accompanied by various forms of total secession, with perhaps some diocesan bishops breaking with the rest of the Church of England, and certainly some priests and parishes doing so. In the spirit of this futile search for the painless option, it is even proposed that those departing should be financially assisted.

The name for this is schism: indeed subsidised schism. It is, in the theology of the Christian Church, a sin. The issue the church seems so reluctant to face is whether it wants to make room for a *de facto* schism within itself, over which it has a choice, at the same time as the *de jure* one outside, which it cannot prevent. For a *de facto* schism is what the bishops' are proposing in their programme of "safeguards".

If that is not obvious now, it will become so the first time someone produces a post-women-priests map of the English dioceses, some coloured pink and some blue. This is the time, therefore, for both the reformers and the conservatives to decide: is the ordination of women worth splitting the church for?

Maybe it is. If the church is guilty of a grave injustice to the female half of the human race by refusing them ordination, and if as a result it is undermining the validity of its own Gospel, then any remedy is justified, whatever the cost. If, on the other hand, the very coherence of the church and its obedience to the Gospel are at risk, then that may justify those who will press their opposition beyond breaking point.

So far, each side has painted the other's position in minimalist terms only: either as a belated attempt to accommodate the latest secular fashion, or as just a shabby piece of male sexism. But the only prospect of a resolution lies in a trial of strength between opposing forces, with the consequent risk of serious injury to either or both.

Christian churches should not shrink from painful sacrifices in the name of truth and justice, though it is understandable that they should want to postpone them as long as possible. But the issue of schism has now to be faced properly. It is no longer a supplementary question arising subsequent to the principle of women's ordination; it has become the primary question itself.

NO PEACE WITHOUT WITHDRAWAL

Tomorrow is the day on which the next round of UN-sponsored proximity talks on Afghanistan should have begun. Instead, the negotiators will convene in Geneva in two weeks' time, and the postponement has given rise to optimism that now, at last, the Soviet Union may have something genuinely new to offer the other interested parties.

Optimism has been carefully nurtured by a joint Soviet-Afghan propaganda offensive of unusual proportions. News of fresh peace moves initiated by Kabul is published almost daily: an amnesty for prisoners and exiles here, a group of returning refugees there, a new regional committee to oversee what is officially termed national reconciliation somewhere else.

The backcloth to all these developments is the much-vaunted unilateral ceasefire, proposed by Kabul and supported by Moscow. For all practical purposes, however, the ceasefire was dead within a week. Skirmishes in the countryside continue. Reports persist of Soviet attempts to cut off the mujahidin's supply routes by aerial bombardments. Fighting in the south-east of the country towards the border with Pakistan goes on.

The fabric of a settlement for Afghanistan from within the country — a concept favoured by the post-Karmal leadership in Kabul — is already disintegrating. Two senior members of the national unity committees, set up by the Soviet-backed leadership to guide what is termed "national reconciliation" have been assassinated. Only yesterday an Afghan civilian aircraft was shot down with the loss of more than 30 lives.

The forces suspicious of the terms of a settlement — or opposed to the very idea — view moves towards a settlement as a challenge. Seven years of Soviet involvement in Afghanistan have bred cynicism among the mujahidin. They have taught that softer words do not of themselves mean a less pervasive Soviet influence in their country. They, like the Soviet forces of occupation, have become battle-hardened.

This does not make a settlement in Afghanistan impossible, but it does make it more difficult. The more institutionalized the Soviet presence — and influence — becomes, the less likely are the mujahidin and their many supporters in the Afghan population to accept anything less than a total withdrawal of Soviet forces as the price for abandoning their struggle.

It also means that any settlement that does not contain external guarantees — for a total Soviet troop withdrawal, for multi-party political activity, for a relatively free market economy, for the practice of Islam and the functioning of Islamic institutions — is unlikely to be either acceptable or effective. Hence the importance of the UN-sponsored talks.

A timetable for a Soviet withdrawal is ostensibly the one outstanding question to be decided at Geneva. But behind that question lie all the others relating to the sort of Afghanistan the Soviet troops would leave behind them. That is likely to be the subject of the talks involving Soviet, UN, Afghan, Pakistani and Indian officials which are taking place in Moscow this week.

If they make progress, these talks may yet prove the key to an eventual settlement in Geneva. What the Soviet side still has to recognize, however, is that while peace may not automatically follow a Soviet withdrawal, without a Soviet withdrawal there can be no peace in Afghanistan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grain penalty for UK farmers

From the Chief Executive of the Velcourt Group plc

Sir, As a result of the determined effort being made by the Minister of Agriculture to reform the common agricultural policy in Europe in order to reduce the surpluses there lies a grave danger for the farming industry in Britain.

Most thinking British farmers would acknowledge the need to reduce both surplus production and the consequent cost of the disposal of those stored surpluses. However, if Europe is to retain a common agricultural policy it is important that it remains truly common to all the partners.

This is far from being the case at present due to the over-value based on our currency against the European currency unit. The so-called green currency gap between the pound sterling and the ECU now stands at some 30 per cent. Within the farming industry there is an undercurrent of feeling that the recent reforms initiated by the minister may have been "traded" for a continuance of the currency gap.

If "signals" are to go out to European farmers to produce less it is necessary that these should be of equal urgency to farmers throughout the Community.

The currency distortion is currently putting great pressure on the British farming industry by singling it out in Europe for much lower prices. Wheat which is selling in Britain for £112/tonne *ex* farm is now selling at an equivalent price of £150/tonne in Germany and £140/tonne in France. One would expect that these differences would allow cheap British grain to be exported to Europe. This is not the case because of the operation of the monetary conpensatory amount system, which at present loads a penalty of approximately £40/tonne on to our grain exported to Europe.

Over the past 40 years the British taxpayer has contributed to the cost of restructuring and developing British agriculture and the industry is now one of the most efficient in the world.

It would be a tragedy to allow our zeal for reformation of the common agricultural policy to crucify our own farming industry in Britain, whilst leaving the European farmer relatively unscathed.

The solution to this injustice must be to devalue the green pound and then to join the European Monetary System.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN MALIM,
Chief Executive,
The Velcourt Group plc,
The Veldt House,
Much Marcle,
Ledbury, Herefordshire.
January 29.

Artificial pitches for football

From Mr W. T. Campbell

Sir, I wonder if the recent decision to ban the concept of artificial surfaces for soccer for three years (report, January 30) was a wise one.

I have been involved in carpet construction right from the raw material stage through to installation for the last thirty years and no doubt exists in my mind that a suitable, practical and severely realistic product is possible.

The main problem is attitude. There is no evidence of cohesion among the decision-makers, no proper specification, because if the foregoing was evident and a proper working committee set up the difficulty would be resolved.

One thing the decision has achieved is to effectively stop any forward thinking on new stadiums for the game because no one in their right mind would consider such outlay today with a grass pitch.

Unfortunately many in the game have adopted a mode of thinking whose guiding principle is, "My mind is made up; please don't confuse me with the facts".

Yours etc,
TOMMIE CAMPBELL,
Vice-President,
International Sports Marketing Inc,
35 Dover Street, W1.

Report on Lloyd's

From Mr Keith Whitten

Sir, In taking issue with your leading article (January 23) on the recommendations of the Neill committee your correspondent, Mr Mitchley (February 4), perpetuates a number of myths about the nature and composition of the external membership of Lloyd's.

While it is true that external members of Lloyd's are relatively wealthy in that each must show assets of £100,000 or more, it is unwise to suppose that they are either sophisticated or experienced in the financial world. The pool of potential members of Lloyd's has been swelled by rises in the value of assets, particularly property assets, whose ownership does not confer on their holder any particular financial acumen.

Those who have sought to assist members of troubled syndicates at Lloyd's have soon realised that a large proportion of the membership consists of people who are financially naive and trusting of the market professionals. When trouble strikes it would be desirable if they could turn to an outside body under the ultimate control of the SIB (Securities and Investments Board) so that they could be satisfied that they were not entirely reliant upon the market insiders for the administration of justice and the settlement of any claim they might have against other members of the market.

It must also be recognised that the 30,000 external names are spread around this country and elsewhere and it is difficult, in practice, for them to represent their interests against the market professionals who are concentrated in and around Lloyd's.

Neill has found that self-regulation at Lloyd's has failed in several important areas. Lloyd's has been given a second chance to put its house in order and one must hope Mr Mitchley's faith in the likely outcome is justified. Many of us would agree with your sentiment that it is no better than a second-best solution to control under the SIB.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH WHITTEN,
80 Gloucester Terrace, W2.
February 5.

Testing children

From Mr G. R. G. Turnbull

Sir, Your leading article, "A testing future" (January 31), welcomes the introduction of national tests to be taken by all children through primary and secondary schooling. As a parent I would welcome such a move.

Employers also require objective information about the basic skills and understanding of potential employees in subjects like English, arithmetic and computer awareness, in addition to O-level and CSE qualifications. Until now many employers have arranged for the testing of these abilities on company premises. They are, however, now depending more and more on the schools to provide this information. This is being done through initiatives such as the basic test series developed by the Associated Examining Board.

Employers and educationists worked together to devise these tests. Now both groups are reaping the benefits from their combined efforts. There are now 11 tests in the series and almost 100,000 students entered for nine of them in 1986.

I see no reason as to why parents should not be as well informed throughout a child's schooling as the employers now are at the end of it.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE R. G. TURNBULL
(Industrial Liaison Officer),
The Associated Examining Board,
Stag Hill House, Guildford, Surrey.

Foreign currency

From Mr S. Hodson-Pressinger

Sir, The introduction of the ECU (European currency unit) as pan-European legal tender (report, February 3) may be one of the few historically noteworthy decisions to have emanated from Brussels in recent years; therefore let us not regard it with undue suspicion and disdain. None the less, is it not inappropriate for our future currency to have such an unprepossessing nomenclature and to bear the head of a foreign monarch?

Perhaps it was not merely a coincidence that Charles V was chosen; he represented an empire often similar in composition to the European Community, but which excluded the British Isles.

Yours sincerely,
SELWYN HODSON-PRESSINGER,
16 Moore Street, Chelsea, SW3.

From Mr Richard Stephens

Sir, Is it not strange that the new European currency unit coins shall bear the image of Emperor Charles V? If the leaders of the EEC see themselves as modern-day Holy Roman Emperors, perhaps they should bear in mind that Charles V's massive empire only lasted in its complete form for less than 40 years until 1556, when he began the process of abdicating his various thrones.

One can only hope that Britain will not have to endure the EEC for even that long!

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD STEPHENS,
School House,
Magdalen College School,
The Plain, Oxford.

Service rewarded

From the Reverend C. J. Offer

Sir, In 1885 Mr Thomas Ismay, of the White Star Line, was presented with a silver-gilt dinner service and portrait by the grateful shareholders of the company

> in token of the esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the fact that to the sound judgement, untiring energy, and singleness of purpose he has displayed in the management of their affairs for the past 15 years, the prosperity of the company is due.

On the same occasion Mr Ismay's partner, Mr William Imrie, was also presented with gifts.

According to the *Liverpool Review* of September 19, 1885, the dinner service cost 4,000 guineas and the portrait a further 1,000 guineas. Others will be better placed than I to reckon current values.

These presentations were, it appears, made on the initiative of the shareholders, and the *Review* concluded its report:

> In such princely fashion do the lucky shareholders in the White Star Line reward the labours of their managers.

Perhaps company business would be more edifying if it were the shareholders who took the initiative in rewarding managerial achievement.

Yours faithfully,
CLIFFORD J. OFFER,
The Vicarage, 21 West Hill,
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Polls in doubt

From Mr Norman Webb

Sir, David Lipsey (February 4) suggests that polls are less reliable than once they were, yet confidently quotes a Gallup finding that 1.8million voters were influenced by the polls in the 1983 general election. This, incidentally, does not mean that lifelong Tories rushed out and voted Labour or *vice-versa*, but only that they took account of the polls when deciding to cast their vote, a very democratic thing to do.

Mr Lipsey has it wrong on a number of counts. Sample sizes have not shrunk, none of the polls he refers to were "quickie" polls, and it is not harder to carry out political surveys in a three-party situation. The results may be more difficult to interpret than before, but that is not our problem.

Gallup's January poll showed a Labour lead based on fieldwork during a snowbound weekend when the Government was being attacked strongly and emotively about heating allowances for old-age pensioners, among other things. A month before, Labour was on the defensive for apparently wishing to throw away Britain's defences. There is no reason to doubt that the voters interviewed gave honest opinions each time, yet this suggests a volatility unacceptable to commentators.

Who has the superior sources of information that voters do not behave in this way during non-electoral periods? Certainly not David Lipsey, nor anyone else I have heard of. It is known that swings in by-elections are wilder than anything that occurs in national elections and this I believe is part of the same phenomenon.

At election time, whenever that may be, I have no doubt we shall notice, as before, that voters settle down and make the serious decision on which government they want for the next five years. But their shifts of opinions, both long-term and possibly very transient in periods like the last two months, may be bigger than received opinion seems to think it should be.

The polling companies do not start off with *a priori* ideas about how voters should behave. They only measure, within acceptable degree margins, what is actually going on, and on the vast majority of occasions they have been reliable guides over the past 40 years. As for the Stock Exchange, it is their judgement as professional advisers that seems open to question, not ours.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN WEBB, Director,
Social Surveys (Gallup Poll) Ltd,
202 Finchley Road, NW3.

Legal abortions

From Mr Gerard Wright, QC

Sir, Dr C. B. Goodhart's letter (February 5) correctly condemns the widely held assumption that under the present law abortions may be lawfully procured at any time below a limit of 28 weeks' gestation. However, he himself falls into error in thinking that the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 forbids the destruction of viable children. What it forbids is the destruction of children "capable of being born alive".

"Life" and "viability" are two different concepts. A dying man is alive, but he is not viable. The Act does not say "capable of being born alive and of surviving", which would be a definition of viability. It merely says "alive".

Children in the womb reach the stage of being capable of being born alive before they become viable, but this fact is blithely ignored by many doctors performing abortions, by the DHSS and the Director of Public Prosecutions. Consequently, many late abortions are performed which are illegal.

The Bishop of Birmingham's Bill is a laudable attempt to make the existing law more readily enforceable, but one wonders how effective it will be when the law is so blatantly ignored by all concerned. Will no one put a stop to the slaughter of children capable of being born alive?

Yours sincerely,
GERARD WRIGHT,
Melbourne Buildings,
21 North John Street,
Liverpool, Merseyside.
February 5.

Controlling avarice

From Mr Philip Burnford

Sir, Mr Rowlinson (February 3) is rightly realistic in saying that changes in top salary levels must be seen in the context of major changes in British boardrooms and in his analysis of the motivation of top managers.

There is, however, another important factor more or less peculiar to the UK: executive earnings in this country are significantly lower than in other developed countries and the best of our managers and specialists have the option to move internationally, and so increase their earnings very significantly. They don't necessarily have to be "aggressive, restless, greedy" — as Mr Rowlinson characterises them — but just moderately self-interested and concerned to do the best for themselves and their families.

In any economic system, one of the critical challenges is to reconcile the interests of the most capable individual contributors with those of the group as a whole. Successful company leaders know this and, in our experience, invariably seek, almost instinctively, to link financial reward to individual performance and contribution. The critical factor is that individual performance criteria must be totally consistent with the interests of the shareholders.

It is debatable whether Mr Rowlinson's proposal of more legislation would help secure this (legislation too often seems to have the opposite effect to that intended) but boards might do well voluntarily to accept the discipline of explaining top reward decisions — certainly in relation to incentive earnings — to their shareholders and other publics.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP BURNFORD,
Executive Director,
Hay Management Consultants Ltd,
52 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Tight squeeze

From Mrs Mariegold Cowsill

Sir, I was delighted to read the following report in *The Times* today (later editions, February 4): "There were disputes in the courtroom when 15 reporters tried to fit into the press bench meant for five."

The spirit of Beachcomber still lives.

Yours faithfully,
MARIEGOLD COWSILL,
Ulan,
Lower Swell,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Gloucestershire.
February 4.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 10 1943

On February 2 Field Marshal Paulus and the remnants of his 22 beleaguered German divisions surrendered before Stalingrad, ending one of the crucial battles of the Second World War. Lord Alanbrooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the time, believed that Hitler missed a great opportunity in concentrating on the capture of that city rather than driving for the Iraq-Persian oilfields

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IN DEVASTATED STALINGRAD

A DEAD BATTLEFIELD

HOW ACTIVE DEFENCE WON THE DAY

From Our Special Correspondent

STALINGRAD

From where I am writing outside a dugout, built in a narrow gully about 60ft. above the frozen Volga, there is nothing to indicate that this is part of the city of Stalingrad, but less than 100 yards away are the underground headquarters of General Chuikov's 62nd Army, from which the long defence of Stalingrad was directed.

These steep banks of soft, crumbly, yellow rock, now streaked with snow, played a great part in the battle which is now over, for below them on the shore of the Volga and in the sides of the banks there was cover from the field guns and multiple-barrelled mortars — *vanyushas* the Russians called them — which Paulus had placed on the crest of Mamayev Kurgan.

During the two days which representatives of the foreign Press . . . have spent in Stalingrad that 350-foot high double-ridged crest of Mamayev Kurgan has rarely been from their sight, and while the Germans were there nobody could leave the cover of the cliffs and dugouts, or the shelter of the ruined walls without the risk of being killed.

. . . When we climbed the hill this morning we picked our way carefully through grisly relics of the recent fighting, scattered over slopes which were once clothed with orchards. We understood what a young Red Army captain meant when he said that once they had lost Mamayev Kurgan the Germans were blind.

From its summit the eye travels far to the north to three great factories over what once were the homes of the factory workers; to the east across the Volga for a great distance, and to the south to the jagged outline of the centre of Stalingrad some six miles away. This, by all the rules of war, was a position the holding of which should have spelled the doom of the city's garrison. . .

In that central part of Stalingrad we saw for ourselves the havoc which the Sixth Army had brought to the city. Corpses still lay in the streets as we passed through the remains of the beautiful city. The devastation surpassed all that the imagination had conjured up in the past six months. Recovery has made no progress here yet. Now it is a problem of removing the dead and clearing the streets of rubble. But from my dugout on the banks of the Volga the scene is peaceful.

Sledges drawn by pairs of sturdy Kalmukian ponies are dashing across the ice. Men are drawing water and walking slowly back to the bank. Just above me, two German prisoners are helping to build a temporary memorial to a group of Red Army officers and men, and except for the occasional pop of a cartridge in a fire the sound of their hammers is all that can be heard. Round the fire a group of soldiers are melting snow in a pail. There is a line of tiny figures trailing across the ice — women and children returning. Desolation is out of sight; the armies have passed farther on. The Stalingrad battlefield is dead, and as only a dead battlefield can be it is sordid and horrifying. A Russian soldier brought something to show me that he had just caught among the wrecked machinery and rubble. And as he stood for a moment in the sun with his back to Stalingrad and told me tales of Stalingrad, he played tenderly with a mouse until it had lost its fear and began to nibble crumbs on the ground.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 9: The Queen arrived at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Kurt Hahn Trust at Downing College, Cambridge, where His Royal Highness was received by the Master (Professor Sir John Butterfield).

By command of The Queen.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Dr Denis Worrall at South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, WC2 this afternoon in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of South Africa to the Court of St James's.

A memorial service for the Earl of Stockton, OM, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon today.

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence
Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General W. Altenburg, Chairman of the Military Committee of Nato.

Gresham Club
The Chairman of the Gresham Club, Mr David Pappin, was host at the past chairmen's luncheon held on Friday, February 6, at the club. Mr R.A.R. Hedderwick replied to the toast to the guests. Mr D.D. Rae-Smith and Mr C.R. Tallon also spoke.

Dinners

Sports Aid
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner given by the Sports Aid Foundation and Sports Aid Trust at the Mansion House last night. Sir Leslie Porter presided and the other speakers were Mr Neil Durden-Smith, Mr John Bromley and Mr David Wilkie. Among others present were:

Mr Christopher Chataway, Sir Basil Feldman, Sir Philip Harris, Sir Peter Reynolds, Mr Richard Tracey (Minister for Sport), Mr Raymond Pettitt, Mr Ian MacLaurin, Mr John McLaren, Mr Sebastian Coe, Mr Malcolm Cooper, Mr Christopher Dean, Miss Jayne Torvill, Mr Steven Redgrave, Mr Andrew Holmes and Miss Fatima Whitbread.

Society of Apothecaries of London
Mr W.F.W. Southwood, Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, assisted by Dr M.P. Godfrey, Senior Warden, was host at a dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Colonel F.G. Neild, Junior Warden, and Professor Arthur Kennedy were the speakers. Among those present were:

The Swiss Ambassador, Lord Porritt, Mr John Wakeham, MP, Dame Gillian Brown, Sir Reginald Bennett, Sir John Peel, Sir William Shapland, Mr Justice French, Dr K R Gough, Mr David Kenny, Dr W B G Simmonds and Dr W D Tavernor

Lecture

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr A.T. Pugh, Executive Vice-Chairman of the British Caledonian Group plc, delivered the Brancker memorial lecture "Air transport at the nouvelles frontières" to the Chartered Institute of Transport at the Institution of Civil Engineers yesterday evening. The president, Mr G. Myers, Vice-Chairman of British Rail, presided and afterwards entertained the speaker at dinner.

Memorial service

Mr A. Vandervell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Anthony Vandervell was held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated. Mr Charles Webster read the lesson and Sir Barrie Heath, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Vandervell (widow), Mr and Mrs D Gibbs (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Susan Vandervell (daughter), the Duke of Wellington (deputy president, Game Conservancy) with the Hon C A Morrison, MP (chairman) and Mr Richard Van Oss (director), Lord Rootes, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Lady Heath, Mr John Inge (also representing Knight, Frank and Rutley) and Mrs Inge, Mr J S C Linney (The Counties, Game Conservancy) with Lieutenant-Colonel M H Goodhart (Hampshire branch) and Mr Harold Buckley (Essex County group).

Mr Peter Twiss (Royal Southern Yacht Club) and Mrs Twiss, Mr P R Hodson (Game Farmers' Association), Mr and Mrs Charles Telfer, Mrs Charles Webster, Mr James Webster, Mr and Mrs Timothy Walker, Mr J Winnington-Ingram, Mr and Mrs Guy Waud, Baron George van Tuyll, Mr Duncan Fraser, Mr and Mrs Charles Coles, Mrs Betty Saunders, Mrs Judy Thomas and Mr Adam H.Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes.

Birthdays today

Mr Larry Adler, 73; Dame Judith Anderson, 89; General Sir Nigel Bagnall, 60; Miss Olwyn Bowey, 51; Mrs Elizabeth Carson, 95; Dr Alexander Comfort, 67; Dr Walter Hamilton, 79; Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, 91; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, 67; Lord Milne, 78; Lord Orr-Ewing, 75; Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, 69; Sir Idwal Pugh, 69; Air Marshal Sir William Richardson, 55; Mr Justice Rose, 50.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Lamb, essayist, London, 1775; Samuel Plimsoll, reformer, Bristol, 1824; William Pember Reeves, poet and politician, Lyttleton, New Zealand, 1857; Boris Pasternak, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1958, Moscow, 1890; Alexander Pushkin, poet and short story writer, Leningrad, 1837; David Thompson, explorer, Montreal, 1857; Sir David Brewster, physicist, Melrose, 1868; Joseph Lister, Lord Lister, founder of antisepsis, Walmer, Kent, 1912; Wilhelm Konrad von Röntgen, pioneer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Munich, 1923.

Spanish visit

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to make an official visit to Spain in April, officials in Madrid announced yesterday.

University news

Oxford
Professor Charles Welles Rosen, MA, PhD (Princeton), professor of music, State University of New York, has been appointed George Eastman Visiting Professor for 1987-8. He will be taking up the appointment from next January.

Other appointments

C Ruiz, MA, Dring (Madrid), fellow of Exeter College, to be reader in materials engineering, from January 1.
A Blake, MA (Cambridge), PhD (Edinburgh), fellow-elect of Exeter College, to be university lecturer in engineering science from August 1.
H J Burd, BA, fellow-elect of Brasenose College, to be university lecturer in engineering science, from October 1 1986.
J B Pethica, MA, PhD (Cambridge), fellow-elect of St Cross College, to be university lecturer in materials science, from May 1.
A M Tolkovsky BSc, MSc, PhD (Jerusalem), fellow-elect of Somerville College, to be university lecturer in cellular neuroscience, from October 1.

Queen's, Belfast
The first Western European to win the prestigious Moscow International Piano Competition outright, Belfast-born pianist Barry Douglas, is to receive an honorary degree.

Other honorary degrees are to be awarded to the following:

LLD: Dr John Davis McCaughey, for contributions to theological teaching; and Mr James Lloyd McQuitty, for services to the community.
DLit: Mario Luzi, for distinction as a poet; and Brian Moore, for contributions to literature.
DSc: Professor Emeritus Douglas Creese Harrison, for contributions to biochemistry and services to the university; and Professor Charles Anthony Richard Hoare, for contributions to computing science.

MD: Sir Donald Acheson, for services to medical administration; and Professor Emeritus Philip Joseph Stoy, for contributions to computing science.

DSc (Eng): Noel J Cochrane, for distinction as a civil engineer.
DSc (Econ): Denis Desmond, for contributions to industry in the province.
DSSc: Dr George B Thompson, for services to the cultural life of the province.
MA: Mrs Cherith McKinstry, for services to the arts.
MSW: Miss Mary McCammon, for services to the community.

The senate has announced grants to the value of nearly £430,000. Grants of more than £230,000 have come from the Science and Engineering Research Council, including one valued at £83,763 to Dr R.J. Crawford, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering for a study of the basic aspects of the rotational moulding process.

Appointments
To the chair of chemical pathology: Elisabeth Ruth Trimble, MD (Belf), DCH (Belf).
Lectureships
Agricultural and food bacteriology: Margaret F Patterson, BSc, PhD (Belf); electrical and electronic engineering: David J Morrow, BSc (Belf); mycology and plant pathology: Louise R Cooke, BSc, PhD (Brist) and Peter R Mills, BSc, PhD (Lond).

Stirling
Grant
Science and Engineering Research Council: £90,000 to Dr W A Phillips and Dr L C Smith (psychology) to study distributed matrix memories.

Polytechnic news

Brighton
Brighton Polytechnic has appointed its first honorary fellow. Dr H.W. French, a member of the Polytechnic Council and a former Senior Chief, HMI, will be awarded the honorary fellowship by Professor Geoffrey Hall, director of the polytechnic, at the awards ceremony this week. The polytechnic has established a professoriate and has appointed six new professors among members of its teaching staff. They are:

Professor Brian Hill, head of the language centre and the department of language studies; Professor Barry Hilson, reader, department of civil engineering; Professor John Lord, principal lecturer, department of graphic art and design; Professor Christopher Marriott, reader in the department of pharmacy; Professor Malcolm Parker, dean of the faculty of health and head of the department of pharmacy; and Professor Robin Plummer, dean of the faculty of art and design and head of the department of combined arts.

Competitors in the annual Women's Inter-Service Rifle Shooting Championships held at RAF Uxbridge yesterday prepare to do battle on the *indoor* .22 range. From left: Senior Aircrafts Woman Deryn Haffenden, of Nottingham, Wren Alison Watt, of Sheffield, and Corporal Maggie Adamson, of Lanarkshire. The Women's Royal Air Force team won its event with a score of 1,925 out of a possible 2,000, having been beaten by a single point last year (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend a meeting of the International Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Buckingham Palace at 2pm.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the headquarters of the Church of England Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, WC1, at 11.45 am, and later, as Honorary Colonel of London University Contingent Officers' Training Corps, will attend a reception at Senate House at 6.30 pm.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Central Middlesex Hospital maternity unit at 2.30 pm.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Captain (Commodore) J.F. Coward, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Flag Officer Sea Training, in succession to Rear Admiral B.N. Wilson in June.

Sir Edward Youde

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Edward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.30 am on Tuesday, February 17, 1987. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets to: The Chapter Clerk, Room 17, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. All are welcome to attend.

Horners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Horners' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Basil G.C. Becker; Upper Warden, Mr Reginald Gill; Renter Warden, Mr George R.B. Clarke; Deputy Master, Mr Sidney R. Badley.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception for the arts held last night at 10 Downing Street.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.S. Perrett
and Mrs D.E.E. Little
The engagement is announced between Kevin, younger son of His Honour and Mrs John Perrett, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, and Dawn, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs W.E.S. Whetherley, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire.

Mr H.C.G. Garrod
and Miss A.C. Bourne
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr Kenneth Garrod and the late Mrs Garrod, of Whatton, Nottinghamshire, and Amanda, daughter of the Hon Michael Bourne, of Bradbourne Street, SW6, and Mrs T.H. Luckock, of Barkway, Hertfordshire.

Lieutenant A.J. Hargrave, RN
and Miss N.J. Blevins
The engagement is announced between Anthony James, son of Brigadier and Mrs P.P.B. Hargrave, of West Dean, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Nicola Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Blevins, of Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr G.A.J. Lambert
and Miss N.M. Segar
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Lambert, of Ciney, Belgium, and Nancy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J. Segar, of Chiswick, London.

Mr R.E.K. Mainwaring
and Miss A.C. Hookway
The engagement is announced between Richard Mainwaring, of Shobdon, Herefordshire, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hookway, of Harnage, Shropshire.

Mr T.N. Minchin
and Miss H.S. Willcox
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mrs J.M. Minchin, of Westbury-sub-Mendip, Somerset, and the late Mr R.J. Minchin, and Harriet Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R. Willcox, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr J.J. Russell
and Miss G.E. Giles
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S.T. Russell, of Bricket Wood, Hertfordshire, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mrs M. Giles, of Asterton, Shropshire, and Mr H.J.C. Giles, of Huish Champflower, Somerset.

Mr L.K. Simpson
Miss C. Obtulowicz
The engagement is announced between Lindsay, second son of Dr and Mrs R.F. Simpson, of Hong Kong, and Christina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Obtulowicz, of Shipley, West Sussex.

Mr A.C. Smith
and Miss A.J. Warde-Aldam
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Joyce Smith and the late Mr David Smith, of Golborne, Warrington, Greater Manchester, and Annabelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Warde-Aldam, of Stoke Lyne, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Marriage

Mr C.A.H. Wills
and Lady Katharine Meade
The marriage took place on Saturday at St George's, Preshute, of Mr Christopher Wills, son of the Hon V.P.H. Wills, of Litchfield, Hampshire, and the Hon Mrs Henry Douglas-Home, of Old Greenlaw, Berwickshire, and Lady Katharine Meade, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam, of Rainscombe Park, Marlborough. The Rev C. Fox and the Rev H. Lloyd officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Viscount Corry, the Hon William Vestey, Timothy Hay, Rory Penn, James Enthoven, Nicholas and Amelia Reid, Louisa Stevens, Kitty Timpson and Henrietta Dreyer. Mr James Chichester was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Science report

How doctors can tune in to broken bones

By Robert Matthews

Doctors at the Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi have found a way of accurately diagnosing bone fractures using nothing more elaborate than a stethoscope and a tuning fork.

For many years, doctors have considered using sound to find out the condition of bones. In the 1820s some used the newly invented stethoscope to listen for the crepitus, or grating sound, that fractured bones make. This proved of little practical value, and was extraordinarily painful.

But a number of researchers have begun to look again at using the physics of sound transmission in bones to find fractures quickly and painlessly, and without using X-rays.

At its simplest, the technique relies on attenuation of a sound wave as it travels through a bone: if there is a fracture, the sound wave does not get through.

A rather more sophisticated technique exploits the fact that a bone of a given length has a natural frequency. Once fractured, it becomes effectively two bones, which will have higher natural frequencies. A team under Dr Richard Collier at the University of Kent has taken this idea to the stage of a very sophisticated frequency resonance technique which can detect the presence of fractures, and monitor the rate of healing too.

But now Dr Rajendra Misarya and his colleagues at the Central Institute of Orthopaedics at Safdarjung have shown that accurate diagnoses are possible using far less sophisticated equipment.

Fifty patients with various fractures of the femur (thighbone) and tibia (shin bone) were examined by the doctors, using both conventional clinical tests for fractures, and the new "osteophonic" technique, with stethoscope and a tuning fork of 128 hertz. This frequency was chosen because its sound is more easily stopped by the fractured part of the bone than higher frequencies, it is more easily heard, and lasts longer.

For a suspected fractured femur, for example, the stethoscope was placed over the pelvis, and the fork, after striking on a rubber pad, was pressed on to the kneecap. Compared with the unbroken femur, the sound of the tuning fork was either completely absent or dulled.

For the tibia, the equivalent points are the tibial tuberosity at the top of the shin-bone, and the medial malleolus at the ankle. All the patients were then X-rayed to check the findings made using the two techniques.

Three specific fractures were tested; at the neck of the femur, and the shaft of the femur and tibia. For each type, the tuning fork technique proved more accurate than clinical diagnosis, with only three false readings out of 50 cases.

Overall, the osteophonic technique proved correct in 94 per cent of the cases, compared with 88 per cent for the clinical diagnosis; a striking success for the tuning fork test.

Source: *Injury*, volume 18, p63.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR DONALD MacKAY

Research on the organization of the brain

Professor Donald MacKay, Granada Research Professor of Communication and Neuroscience at Keele University, from 1960 to 1982, died on February 6. He was 64.

MacKay was an internationally-known neuroscientist, writer and broadcaster on information theory and brain organization, including its philosophical and theological implications.

Donald MacCrimmon MacKay was born on August 9, 1922, and gradnated in Natural Philosophy (Physics) at St Andrews University in 1943.

After three wartime years working on radar research with the Admiralty Signals Establishment, he was successively Lecturer and Reader in Physics at King's College London.

In 1960, he moved to Keele. In founding a research department there, he used the language of information science as the *lingua franca* for his mixed team of physiologists, psychologists, physicists and engineers who investigated the sensory communication systems of the brain and their disturbance in blindness and deafness.

His interests were wide-ranging. He started work in 1946 on high-speed analogue computers and researched into the measurement of information. He also became interested in the differences between computers and the human brain, and spent a year in the United States in 1951 as a Rockefeller Fellow.

This experience led him to his major research, into the organization of the brain, particularly the mechanisms of vision. He used the techniques of psychophysics, neuro- and electro-physiology.

His expertise in electronics and high-speed analogue computing enabled him to develop brilliantly elegant display and recording equipment.

MacKay published numerous books on these topics, as well as philosophical studies on artificial intelligence and cybernetics, on the mind-brain problem, and on the relationship between science and Christian faith.

He held many lectureships, and gave the Eddington Memorial Lectures in Cambridge in 1967 on "The Freedom of Action in a Mechanistic Universe".

Among numerous appointments he was an associate of the neurosciences research programme of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and served on the council of the International Brain Research Organization.

He was founding editor of the international journal, *Experimental Brain Research*, and joint editor of *Biological Cybernetics*.

Donald MacKay was motivated in everything he did by a strong Christian faith. An active churchman, he was one of the founding members of the research Scientists Christian Fellowship of what is now the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship.

He was widely admired for his knowledge, his wit, and his seemingly inexhaustible supply of stories and jokes.

He leaves a widow, Valerie, two sons and three daughters.

CAPTAIN G.W. WAKEFORD

Captain G. W. Wakeford, OBE, who died on February 6, aged 82, played an important part in the training of generations of merchant navy officers, as director of Southampton University's School of Navigation, from 1935 to 1970.

He went to sea as a cadet at 13. In 1930 he joined the New Zealand Shipping Company as a deck officer with special responsibility for instruction.

He devoted particular attention to recruitment and training. His ideas were in stark contrast to those which governed basic training at the time.

This, where it existed at all, took 13-year-olds from school and offered a narrow technical training more suited to the age of sail.

Whalley Wakeford was a determined and persuasive man who could articulate his ideas for reform. In August 1935 these qualities led to his appointment as Director of the University College of Southampton's School of Navigation, which at that time had a student population of six officers.

In 1937 he achieved the first stage of his ambition, recruiting four school leavers for his innovative cadet course. By the time of his retirement in 1970, 30,000 officers and cadets from 70 countries had passed through his school.

The success of his cadet training courses generated wide interest in his methods. In 1940 he co-operated with Kurt Hahn to design and run the first experimental Outward Bound Course.

He had a deep conviction that sail training not only fostered respect for the sea, it also developed initiative and provided leadership training.

In 1943 he persuaded the training school authorities to acquire the ketch *Moyana*. In spite of wartime restrictions, this craft was used extensively for cadet training up to the time of its loss in a storm while returning home after winning the first Tall Ships Race.

He was a founder member and treasurer of the Sail Training Association.

During the war, while serving in the RNR, Wakeford trained many officers for the naval reserves.

In 1943 he was awarded the Polish Gold Cross of Merit, and in 1952 was made an Officer of the Order of Leopold I in recognition of the contribution of the Southampton school in training Belgian midshipmen.

In 1933 he married Pearl Butler Somerset Dryden. She died in 1967. He is survived by his second wife, Janet.

DR CARL ROGERS

Dr Carl Rogers, the American founder of the "humanistic" and client-centred approach to psychology and psychotherapy, died at La Jolla, California, on February 4. He was 85.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois, on January 8, 1902, Rogers at first intended to be a Christian minister, and, after graduating from Wisconsin University, went to a theological college in New York. But he found the ethos uncongenial and abandoned this for psychology, in which he took his doctorate at Teachers College, Columbia University.

He then became the director of the child guidance centre in Rochester, NY, and wrote his first book, *Clinical Treatment of the Problem Child*.

Later he taught at Chicago University where his research on the one-to-one relationship in therapy, produced the book, *Client-Centered Therapy*.

This set forth his belief that the therapist's task was to sympathise with his patient, not try to impose solutions on him. Rogers emphasised the importance of self motivation and personal development in his patients - or clients, as they were termed.

These aims, amplified in *On Becoming a Person*, became widely accepted and led to the proliferation of open therapy sessions and encounter groups.

From 1957 to 1963 Rogers held a chair at Wisconsin University and from 1968 was resident fellow at the Centre of Studies for the Person at La Jolla.

In his later years he became interested in applying his theories to political and racial problems, and led encounter groups in which South African blacks and whites, Central American politicians, and even the feuding sectarian groups of Northern Ireland, were enabled to face each other and talk their problems out.

Rogers's methods did not lack their critics, and were parodied in several films. These tended to portray patients endlessly talking about themselves to somnolently passive therapists, and to represent Rogers's theories as a typical secretion of self indulgent radical chic culture.

His wife, died in 1979, and he is survived by a son and daughter.

JUDGE GIBBENS

His Honour Judge Frank Edward Hilary George Gibbens (Terry to his friends) died on February 7. He was 74.

He was born on April 23, 1913, educated at Malvern and Peterhouse, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1938.

After serving in the Royal Air Force during the war, and achieving the rank of Squadron Leader, he returned to the Bar and rapidly built up a wide practice, often prosecuting for the Metropolitan Police.

In 1973 Gibbens was appointed a Circuit Judge and assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

He had a reputation as an extremely fair-minded prosecutor and as a humane judge who, nevertheless, did not shrink from administering severe sentences when he thought them necessary.

He had a talent for friendship and a passion for sport. It was said of him as a young man that his prowess on the soccer field would have equipped him, had he chosen, to be a professional. Ironically he died on his way to watch his favourite team West Ham.

He is survived by a wife, Margaret Gertrude and three daughters.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

BELL - On February 4th 1987, in London, to Henrietta (née Azis) and Stuart, a daughter Florence Elizabeth, sister for Edward.

BRIDGEMAN - On February 7th, to Joanne (née Miller) and Richard Bradford, a son, Benjamin Thomas Orlando, a brother for Alexander and Harry.

BROOKE-HITCHING - On February 6th 1987, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Emma (née Blades) and Franklin, a son, William Franklin, a brother to Edward and Matthew.

COUCHMAN - On February 7th, to Carolyn (née Roberts) and Martin, a second son, William Thomas James.

DAWSON - On February 6th, Janet Helena, dearly loved wife of Jerry (C.M.), adored mother of Nicholas and Jane and devoted home-maker, suddenly after a long, courageous battle. Funeral on February 16th at 12 noon at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road. Family flowers. Donations if wished to The Bobath Centre, 5 Netherhall Gardens, London NW3.

GILBERT - On February 9th, at Henley-on-Thames, to Elizabeth (née Smeeton) and Derek, a daughter Helen, a sister for Amy and David.

GOODCHILD - On February 4th, at Westminster Hospital, to Suzanne (née Osten) and Nick, a son, Nicholas John.

GRAHAM - On January 23rd, to Kate (née Lister) and Charles, a son, George Edward Alexander

HOLLINGTON - On February 6th, to Joanna (née Hudson) and William, a son, Thomas William.

JACKMAN - On February 6th, to Kathy and Danny, a daughter Bonnie Louise, a sister for Nicky

LIGHTOWLER - On February 2nd, at Ascot, to Jacqueline (née Hayes) and Ed, a daughter Zara Louise, a sister for Samantha.

LONG-PRICE - On February 6th, to Clare (nee Gerard-Pearse) and Christopher, a daughter, Nicola Catherine, a sister for Georgina, Edward and Charlotte.

MACPHERSON - On February 6th, to Suky and Nicholas, a son, Joseph Frederick Appleby.

MADDEN - On February 6th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Su-Anna (née Boddy) and Nicholas, a son, Christopher Paul.

McGEE - On February 8th, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, to Mary (née Higgs) and John, a daughter, Victoria Margaret.

MERVIS - On February 7th, to Margaret and Jonathan, a son Jack Benjamin, a brother for Hannah and Paul.

NEWLAND - On January 29th, at the Princess Mary Hospital, Halton, to Julia and Andrew, a daughter, Hannah Charlotte.

NEWSTEAD - On February 8th 1987, at Rochford Hospital, Essex, to Diane (née Redbourn) and John, a daughter Amy-Louise.

PARKER - On January 24th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Pamela and John, a son, Rupert Charles Thomas, a brother for Edward.

PAYNE-JAMES - On February 3rd 1987, to Hilary (née Bevan-Jones) and Jason, a son, Alistair Ian Bevan, a brother for Lizzie.

PRICE - On Friday February 6th, at Lincoln County Hospital, to Ruth and Dr Paul Price, a son, Elwyn James, a brother for, Peregrine, Bryony and Tristram.

RUSSELL - On February 8th, to Sally (née Fletcher) and Jonathan, a daughter, Holly Emma.

SHUTT - On February 4th, at Poole Hospital, to Sarah (née Sims) and Michael, a son, Matthew John.

THWAITES - On February 6th, at BMH Rinteln, to Mandy (née Smith) and Charles, a daughter (Victoria), a sister for Andrew.

DEATHS

BAKE - On January 25th, peacefully in The Hague, Holland, Cornelia Maria, aged 90, widow of Dr. Arnold A. Bake, Reader in Sanskrit at London University. Enquiries 0932 228118.

BOWLBY - On Friday February 7th, peacefully at her home after a long illness, Penelope Isobel, devoted wife of the late David Bowlby, much loved mother of Henry and Sally. Funeral private at 2.30pm on Friday, February 13th at St.Mary's Church, Gilston. No letters please, family flowers only. Donations if desired to: The Injured Jockeys Fund, 4A High Street, Welwyn, Herts.

CHARLESWORTH - On 9th February 1987, peacefully at home, Joy, loved wife of Michael and mother of Philippa, Bruce, Robin, Martin and Alan. Private burial followed by a Service at 3.15pm on Friday 13th February at The Barnabas Fellowship Centre, Hill's Lane, Shrewsbury. Family flowers only, but donations to Macmillan House Care Fund, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital South, Shrewsbury.

CUNNINGHAM - On February 7th 1987, peacefully at home in Bosham, John, Priest and formerly Rural Dean of Woking and Vicar of Pirbright, aged 63 years, dearly loved husband of Sylvia, son of Boo and Tec, father of David, Timothy, Shona and Robert, father-in-law of Judy and Victoria, grandfather of Lucy and Nicholas. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham on Friday February 13th at 11.45am, followed by private cremation. Memorial service at Pirbright will be announced later. No flowers, donations to Pirbright Church.

ESSENDON - On February 7th 1987, peacefully at Laguna Hills California, Mary, widow of the late Lord Essendon (Brian Lewis).

GAISFORD-ST.LAWRENCE - On February 6th, Marjorie Teresa Mary of Bellmount, Mullingar. Funeral Mullingar Cathedral Tuesday 10th February. Burial private at Howth Castle. No letters please.

GREENWELL - On 6th February 1987, Philip (Pip), aged 61, very peacefully at home, after a years fight against cancer. Greatly loved by Amanda, Tim, Robert, Joanna, Simon, the late Valentine and all his family and friends. Funeral on Friday 13th February, 11.00am at Aldringham Parish Church, Suffolk. All his friends are welcome. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to either Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, or King Edward the VII Hospital, London, all enquiries to Ashton's phone 01 946 1051.

GIBBENS - On February 7th 1987, His Honour Judge Frank Edward Hilary George Gibbens; dearly loved by his wife Betty, his daughters Hilary, Philippa and Tessa, and his five grandchildren. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Thursday February 12th, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 202 Lambeth Rd, SE1.

HIGGON - On February 6th 1987, Neda, aged 84, beloved wife of Colonel Laurence Hugh Higgon and mother of Patricia and Aline. Cremation private. Memorial Service in Pembrokeshire later. Please no flowers, but if desired donations to RUKBA.

HOMEM de MELLO - On February 8th, peacefully after a serious illness, Alvaro, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, aged 46 years. Private funeral. Donations, if desired, rather than flowers, to Pitchford Church Restoration Fund, Pitchford Hall, Nr Shrewsbury.

HORD - On February 6th, peacefully at home, Kenneth, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Family flowers only but donations to: The Newspaper Press Fund, Dickins House, 35 Wathen Road, Dorking, Surrey.

JUBB - On February 6th 1987, after a protracted illness, Wendy. Cremation private. Funeral service at St. John's, Farnham Common, Bucks on Wednesday 18th February at 12.15pm. Donations, if desired, to Pestalozzi Childrens Village Trust, Sedlescombe, Battle, Sussex TN33 9BR.

KING - On February 9th, George of Bungay, Suffolk.

KIRSCHSTEIN - On Thursday February 5th, in Hampstead, Wolfgang Moritz, aged 84. Funeral on Friday February 13th, at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel at 11.50am. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. Telephone: 01 229 9861

LEVINSON - On February 7th 1987, suddenly at home Beryl, cherished wife of John and beloved mother of Alex, Tony and Susan. Funeral private for family only. No flowers please.

LUCAS - On February 6th 1987, in S. Africa, Marigold (Sister Mary Francesca O.P.) for many years Headmistress of St. Dominic's, Harpenden, very much loved by her family and her many friends.

MACKAY - On February 6th 1987, Donald MacCrimmon. Funeral service: Keele University Chapel, 1.10pm Friday 20th February. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Radiotherapy Dept.Fund, N.Staffs Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 47LN.

MATE - On February 6th 1987, Marion (née Hutchieson), dearly beloved mother of Alison and Ian. Funeral Service at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, W2, on Wednesday February 11th at 9.30am. Flowers to J H Kenyon Ltd, 83, Westbourne Grove, London W2 by 9am.

McGHEE - On February 6th, John Henry, M.R.C.V.S., T.D., peacefully and with great courage in Stratford-on-Avon Hospital, dearly loved husband of Jane and father of Joanna, Sarah and Michael. Funeral on Thursday February 12th, at 2pm, St. Peter's Church, Kineton. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A., 33, Regent Grove, Leamington Spa.

McSHEEHY - On February 5th 1987, at The Royal United Hospital, Bath, Colonel Henry Oswald Patrick McSheehy, MC, late RAMC. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at St. George's, Warminster, on Thursday 12th February at 10.00am. Family flowers only please.

OLIVER - On February 6th 1987, in Munich, after a short illness, Robin, beloved husband of Hella and devoted father of Dominik. Funeral will take place in Munich. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Enquiries to: 01 879 1122.

POTTS - On February 7th, peacefully after a short illness, Betty, wife of the late Dr Charles Potts, aged 82, dearly loved mother of Gerald, Richard, Nicholas, Alan and David and grandmother of Andrew, Michael, Christopher, Ian, Bruce, Catherine, James, John and Robert. Funeral Service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Tardebigge, on Friday 13th February at 2.30 pm. Please simple flowers only, or donations, if desired, may be sent to Huntley's Funeral Directors, 58 Ipsley Street, Redditch, in aid of The League Of Friends, Redditch General Hospital.

RIDLEY - On February 7th 1987, suddenly at home, Dorothy, dearly loved wife of Sir Sidney Ridley (Sam) and mother of Daphne, Alison and Susan. Beloved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Yeovil Crematorium at 2.30pm on Friday February 13th. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the Salvation Army or Cancer Research to A G Down Funeral Directors, 66 South Street, Bridport, Dorset. Telephone 0308 22643.

ROCHE - On January 23rd 1987, in Australia, Barbara, formerly Wilson (née Pallister), widow of the late Dr. Hilary Roche, formerly of British Sanatorium, Montana, Switzerland.

SIMPSON - On February 5th 1987, suddenly at Hyde Farm, Ecchinswell, Denis Louis Lt Cmdr R.N.R (retired). Beloved husband of Maureen Margaret and father of Martin, Anne, John, Margaret and Bernard.

WATKINS - On February 7th 1987, Roland Victor, aged 68 years, peacefully in hospital. His sense of humour, courage and enthusiasms were maintained throughout a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Kitty, Lynne and Waldo, grandfather of Scott and Neale. Cremation at Bangor Crematorium at 11.30 am, February 12th. Enquiries to Gwyn Williams, Harlech 780405.

WHITTALL - On February 8th 1987, peacefully in London, Mercy, widow of Hugh, of Moda, Istanbul. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service, St Mary The Boltons, Friday February 13th 1987 at 11am, followed by private interment. Cut flowers only please to: J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8, 01 937 0757.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLARK - On Sunday 22nd February 1987, the Matins Service at 10.30am at All Saints Church, Great Braxted, Essex will also be in remembrance of Mrs. David Clark (Poppy).

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Latest wills

Earl of Dundonald, of La Haule, Jersey, left estate in England and Wales valued at £569,291 net.

Mr Mark Frederick **Singleton**, of Westminster, left estate valued at £1,504,568 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Isaac Henry **Bate**, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, journalist and former President of the National Union of Journalists, left estate valued at £102,295 net.

Mr Hugh Martin **O'Donnell**, of Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued at £512,293 net. He died intestate.

Dr Peter Forbes **Kennish**, of Hyde Park, London, left estate valued at £477,874 net.

Commander James Gordon Duke **Hill**, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £460,042 net.

Mr William Charles **Tomkins**, of Eastbourne, left £262,072 net. After several bequests he left the residue equally between the RSPCA, PDSA, the National Canine Defence League, the Cancer Research Campaign, RNLI, Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Salvation Army, NSPCC, Spastics Society, Dr Barnardo's, and the London Association for the Blind.

Mr Joseph **Ashton**, of Sheffield, left estate valued at £105,144 net. He left the entire amount to the Sheffiled Blind Institution.

Bridge congress

The 36th Croydon Bridge Congress was held at Fairfield Halls over the weekend. Beryl Absalom and Sam Russell followed their win in the Stanley Smith pairs on Friday with second place in the main championship teams event on Sunday. This was won by P.J. Bailey, A. Rosen, J. Sivayogan and A. Nesom, who themselves had finished as joint winners of Saturday's Swiss pairs championship.

RESULTS
Stanley Smith pairs: 1 S. Russell, Mrs B.V. Absalom, 3507; 2, J.C. Street, N.L.J. Davies, 3331.
Swiss pairs championship: eq 1, J. Sivayogan, A. Nesom; P.J. Bailey, A. Rosen, 93; eq 3, T.R. Lloyd-Williams, A. Doye; I. Lancaster, Mrs P.R. Pool, 92.
Swiss teams championship: 1, P.J. Bailey, A. Rosen, J. Sivayogan, A. Nesom, 112; 2, Mrs B.V. Absalom, S. Russell, J.C. Street, N.L.J. Davies, 92; eq 3, A.W. Whiltome, G. Horscroft, M J. Tan, M Fletcher; T. Ward, A.J. Waterlow, A.M.G. Thompson, D. Smerdon, 90.

● Results of the Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Congress held at the Moat House International Hotel over the weekend:
Mixed pairs: Mrs J. Lawson, M. Harris (London).
Championship pairs: 1, C. Duckworth, Ms J. Baro (London); 2, G. Needham, M. Powell (Wales); 3, M. Swanson, J. Salisbury (Wales).
Moat House Cup: D.G. Franks, V. Selwyn (Warks).
Arden Cup: Mrs and Mrs D. Jenkins (Wales).
Teams Championship for the Avon Cup: 1, C.J. Elliott, Mrs A.M. Elliott, D. Scott-Jones, Mrs P. Poltage (Sussex); 2, N. Woosnam, N. Leese, R. Edwards, Mrs S. Robson (Warks); 3, M Swanson, J. Salisbury, M. Powell, G Needham (Wales).
Hathaway Rose Bowl: 1 Mr and Mrs M Hazlehurst, Mr and Mrs J. Aspinall (Worcs).
Red Horse Shield: 1, J. Harvey, E. Stanton, M. Gills, P. Jeffery (Som)

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CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr. Justice Vinelott
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IN THE MATTER OF
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and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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No. 008968 of 1986
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IN THE MATTER OF
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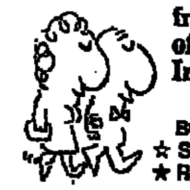

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☆ **Seats available**
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE AMERICAN CLOCK:** Arthur Miller's musical spectacle of America battling through the depression. Magnificent.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. 7.15-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2-4.35pm, £5.50-£13.

☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. An NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon to Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL:** Colin Blakely in Ayckbourn transfer from the NT; how to break hearts and wreak havoc by being tremendously good-natured.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686/7 or 01-434 1050). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.20pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.50pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **DAVE ALLEN LIVE:** Last week to catch this relaxed look at life.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.35pm. £5.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

☆ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in Ibsen's unnerving masterpiece. Until Feb 14.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 3-6.30pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and Joan Plowright in Lorca's grim drama of female sexual frustration. A soft centre weakens the impact.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667, cc 01-741 9999). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Sat 5-7.10pm, £6-£14.50.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12, until March 14.

☆ **THE MAINTENANCE MAN:** John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women. Until Feb 14.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR:** Shakespeare updated to the 1950s with spivs and teds. Short on magic but full of apt visual jokes. Great fun.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican, EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat and Thurs 2-5.15pm. £5-£12.50.

★ **THE PIED PIPER:** Last performances of this rollicking children's show: pop Browning and the rocking rodents.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Thurs and Fri 10.30-12.20pm and 2-3.50pm. £3-£6. Until Feb 17

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tue to Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm. £4-£11.50.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** The Arthur Miller season continues with this 1950s drama of unacknowledged desire. Stars Michael Gambon.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo.
Previews Mon-Wed 7.30-10pm. Matinée Sat 2.30-5pm. £6-£16. Sold out until March 14.

★ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** A radiant, richly inventive production by the touring Cheek by Jowl company. Shakespeare with joy.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.40pm, Sat 3-5.10pm, £5-£8. Until Feb 14.

☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Geraldine James and Julie Walters as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon to Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.55pm, matinée Fri and Sat 6.30-8.10pm, £7.50-£13.50. Until April 21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . .
★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .
☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

Judi Dench is one of those fortunate actresses who is never typecast. She is equally at home in television sitcom (*A Fine Romance*), musicals and the classics. Only the cinema has failed to exploit her talent. Currently in *Mr and Mrs Nobody* (see listing) with her husband, Michael Williams, she moves to the National Theatre in April to tackle Shakespeare's Cleopatra with Anthony Hopkins as Antony.

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Fifth of July:** Vietnam veteran coming to terms with the past among eccentric Missouri folk; British première of Broadway success.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1-£7.50, until Feb 21.

DERBY: ☆ **A Day Out:** Willy Russell's calamity-packed school outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5. Until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.

Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

HAYES: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-561 7506). Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2-4.30pm, Sat 2.30-5pm. £4.50-£5.75. Until Feb 14.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **A Wholly Healthy Glasgow:** Funny and very outspoken power struggle in a Glasgow Heath Club. Until Feb 14.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon to Thurs 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 4-6.15pm, £2.50-£8.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ★ **A Piece of my Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's new play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 555028). Mon to Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.70-£5.70, until Feb 14.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford upon Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

SUNDERLAND: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Empire Theatre, High Street West (0783 42517). *Henry IV Part One* Thurs 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 11.00am-2.00pm, *Henry IV Part Two* today and Fri 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, Henry V Wed 2.30-5.30pm and 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, £2.50-£6.50.

WATFORD: ☆ **Madame Bovary:** Flaubert becomes romantic melodrama in a clever version by Edna O'Brien. Exciting scenes and passionate playing by Helen Mirren.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 25671). Mon to Thurs 7.45-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, £2.25-£7.50.

WIMBLEDON: ★ **Rowan Atkinson:** Himself on tour.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-540 0362). Tue-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 6-8pm. £6.50-£10. Until Feb 14.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BOY SOLDIER (15): A soldier is charged with murder following an incident in Northern Ireland. An earnest drama from the director of *Giro City*, Karl Francis (100 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.20.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

ESCALIER C (15): A cynical, misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prizewinning novel by Elvire Murail; directed, uncertainly, by Jean-Charles Tacchella (101 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey (94 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15.

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (15): Woody Allen's assured comedy-drama chronicling the lives and loves of Hannah, her sisters, various husbands and partners. With Allen, Michael Caine, Mia Farrow — an excellent cast (107 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.55, 7.25, 9.50.

■ **HEARTBURN (15):** Nora Ephron's semi-autobiographical novel about a foundering marriage, filmed with sharp surface detail and smart peformances (Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson) director, Mike Nichols (110 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.25.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.35.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

INSPECTOR LAVARDIN (15): Claude Chabrol at his old game — baiting the bourgeoisie in a cynical thriller, with Jean Poiret as the insolent cop pursuing the case of a Catholic writer found naked and dead on a Brittany beach (103 min).
☎ **Chelsea Cinema,** Kings Road (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

A JUDGEMENT IN STONE (15): Ruth Rendell's novel about a plain Jane illiterate who becomes a killer, carelessly filmed in Canada by Ousama Rawi. With Rita Tushingham (93 min).
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193) Progs 3.10, 5.10, 8.40.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15): Well-behaved tearjerker with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Progs 2.25, 5.00, 7.30, 10.10.

THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18): Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.

ROCINANTE (PG): Ambitious exploration of British society and politics from the Cinema Action collective, sabotaged by a pretentious script. With John Hurt as a romantic dreamer forced to face reality (93 min).
☎ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.55.

ROUND MIDNIGHT (15): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians; with Dexter Gordon as a saxophonist in Paris befriended by an idolizing Frenchman (131 min).
☎ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.30.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond Brigg's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096) Progs 2.25, 5.55, 8.30.
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☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

The winner of the £25,000 Athena Art Award, Britain's biggest art prize, is announced at lunchtime today and he could be an unknown 23-year-old, Adam Gray. He left art college only two years ago and works from a studio in north London. His entry, ironically entitled *Mission Impossible*, features a man on his knees in earnest prayer. Though not carrying the prestige of the Turner Prize or the John Moores competition, the Athena, now in its second year, attracts enormous interest because of the money involved and the original 2,000 entrants have been whittled down to a shortlist of eight. They are (top row, left to right) Basil Beattie, Eileen Lawrence, Stephen Farthing, Pam Skelton and (bottom row, left to right) Alan Miller, John Hoyland, Lawrence Preece and Adam Gray. The seven runners-up each receive £1,000 and all eight winners get their entries published as a limited edition print. The eight shortlisted pictures are included among 150 works exhibited from tomorrow in the Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Mon to Sat 11am to 8pm, Sun 12am to 8pm. Free. Until March 8. ***David Lee***

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	**Holst: The Planets,** BPO/Karajan	Deutsche Grammophon
2	**Beethoven: Symphonies 5 and 6,** BPO Karajan	DG
3	**Elgar: Enigma Variations** BBC SO/Bernstein	DG
4	**Luciano Pavarotti: The Pavarotti Collection**	Stylus
5	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** AAM/Hogwood	Decca
6	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** English Concert/Pinnock	Archiv
7	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concertos 2 and 4,** Ashkenazy/CGB/Haitink	Decca
8	**Dvorak: Symphony 9,** Chicago SO/Solti	Decca
9	**Mendelssohn/Bruch Violin Concertos,** Mutter/BPO/Karajan	DG
10	**Elgar Cello Concerto,** Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menuhin	Philips
11	**Beethoven: Symphony 3,** BPO/Karajan	DG
12	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** Mutter/VPO/Karajan	EMI
13	**Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake/Nutcracker Suite** Israel PO/Mehta	Decca
14	**Julian Lloyd Webber/LSO: Pieces**	PolyGram
15	**Elgar: Cello Concerto/Sea Pictures,** Du Pré/Baker/LSO/Barbirolli	EMI
16	**Beethoven: Symphony 9** BPO/Karajan	DG
17	**Elgar: Violin Concerto,** Kennedy/LPO/Handley	Eminence
18	**Beethoven: Symphony 5,** Philharmonia/Ashkenazy	Decca
19	**Tchaikovsky: 1812/Marche Slave,** CSO/Barenboim	DG
20	**Vaughan Williams Concert,** ASMF/Marriner	Argo

Source: Music Week Research

CONCERTS

☆ **ALL PROKOFIEV:** In the "From Russia with Lunch" series Susan Milan and Ian Brown play Prokofiev's Flute Sonata. Manoug Parikian and Hamish Milne follow with his Violin Sonata No 1.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 1.10-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **EXPANSIVE NIELSEN:** His Symphony No 3, *Espansiva*, is performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra under Andrew Davis, as is Dvorak's Cello Concerto.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **DANIEL BLUMENTHAL:** A fine pianist offers Beethoven's Sonata Op 27 No 1, Weber's Sonata No 1 and Book 1 of Debussy's *Préludes*.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.15pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ **DOMUS:** The Domus ensemble presents piano quartets by Beethoven (op 16), Dvorak (op 23) and Brahms (op 60).
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.10pm, £2.50 and £4.

☆ **HICKOX/McASLAN:** Lorraine McAslan solos in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the LSO conducted by Richard Hickox. Movements from Prokofiev's *Love of Three Oranges* are also included and the ladies of the London Symphony Chorus join in for Holst's *The Planets*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm. £5-£12.50.

RARE STRAUSS: The Salomon Orchestra under Christopher Gee unearths Richard Strauss's seldom-heard Symphonic Fantasy on Themes from *Die Frau ohne Schatten* and Scriabin's Symphony No 2, almost as rare. In Stravinsky's Violin Concerto the soloist is Sophie Langdon.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 8pm. £3.50-£5.

GALLERIES

DIRECTOR'S CHOICE: Sir Michael Levey's favourites, including works by Matisse, Rubens, Van Dyck, Titian and David.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Feb 15.

DANCE

☆ **UNION DANCE COMPANY:** A mixed programme compiling several traditions, opens a seven-week season of new dance.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £4.

☆ **GISELLE:** London City Ballet double-bill with a new production of Jack Carter's dramatic *Three Dances to Japanese Music*.
Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.30-10pm, £3-£8.

★ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** David Bintley's adaptation of the Hans Anderson story into dance is given on tour by Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 2.15-5.05 pm and 7.15-10.05pm. £2.50-£15.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's effective small-scale production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate, Darlington (0325 486555) 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£5.50.

JAZZ

☆ **JAN GARBAREK:** His haunting tone evoking a landscape of tundras and fjords, the popular Norwegian saxophonist brings a unique flavour to jazz.
South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell (0344 484123), 8pm, £4.

☆ **DAVE HOLLAND:** Taking his cues from the early-Sixties innovations of Charles Mingus and Ornette Coleman, Holland has organized a remarkably enjoyable quintet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

ROCK

★ **WANG CHUNG:** They failed to cut it in Britain as a guitar trio, but hit the heights in America as a synth-pop duo. Now the two Londoners play a low-key return fixture.
The Marquee, 90 Wardour St, London W1 (01-437 6603), 7.30pm, £4.

★ **NIK KERSHAW:** A dynamite show that reveals a lot more substance than his hit singles would suggest. Time for grudging admirers to come out of the closet.
Nottingham Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 411871), 8pm, £6.50.

★ **MANTRONIX:** Highly regarded New York hip-hop duo.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Rd, London NW5 (01-267 3334), 7.30pm, £5.

TALKS

ASTRONOMY, POETRY AND RELIGION - an 11th century Spanish Jewish philospher's synthesis: Lunchtime lecture by Prof.R.J. Loewe.
Darwin Theatre, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7050). 1.20pm. Free.

BRISTOL PRIDE: civic consciousness in the 17th and 18th centuries: Dr Jonathan Barry, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Exeter, gives the Frederick Creech Jones Bristol History Lecture.
University of Bristol, Wills Memorial Building (0272 24161). 5.15pm. Free.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: Annual Livery Lecture given by Lord Chalfont.
Stationers' Hall, London EC4 (01-248 2934) 5.30pm. Free.

COUNTRY HOUSES AND THEIR CONTENTS: Illustrated lecture by Tony Harrison for the Grange Lecture Society.
Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands, Cumbria (044854 204). 7.15pm. £2.

INTERVAL SPACES: Lecture by Florian Bergel, Polytechnic of North London.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). 6.15pm. £1.

THE INTRODUCTION OF IRISES INTO BRITISH GARDENS: talk by Mrs Patricia Foster of the British Iris Society.
Pershore College of Horticulture, Pershore, Worcs (0386 552443). 7.30pm. £1.

WHAT THEN, WAS THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT?: Professor Peter Jones, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, lecture.
The Old Edinburgh Club, William Robertson Building (Room 8), George Square, Edinburgh.

WALKS

Ghosts of the City: meet St Paul's tube. 7.30pm. £2.25.

Life and Times of Winston Churchill: meet St James Park tube. 2pm. £2.25.

Inns of Court - England's Legal Heritage: meet Chancery Lane tube. 11am. £2.

OTHER EVENTS

BRITISH LIBRARY FILMS: This morning at 11am, two short films about writers' houses: William Cowper and Sir Walter Scott. This afternoon at 2pm, a 42-minute film about Handel: Music and Manuscript.
British Library, Seminar Room, King's Library, Great Russell St, London WC1 (01-323-7111). Free.

"REMINISCENCE": An exhibition reflecting the lives of black and white Liverpool 8 pensioners. Photographs, sketches and writing portray the experiences and memories of six elderly people from the community, including a 77-year-old Jamaican and a Victorian lady born in 1893.
Museum of Labour History, Islington, Liverpool 3 (051-2275234). Today — Feb 16, weekdays 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. Free.

14th ANNUAL SHROPSHIRE ANTIQUES FAIR: 25 stands, most observing pre-1890 datelines and a free identification service for visitors bringing their own antiques. Refreshments and licensed bar.
Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Today, tomorrow 11am-9pm, Thurs 9am-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking open for performance in Hull, with Graham Vick's production of *The Abduction from the Seraglio*; plus *La traviata* and *La Bohème*. May 12-16. Hull. New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull. (0482 20463/4).

BARBICAN BIRTHDAY: Booking for four-day celebration of Barbican's fifth birthday culminating in all-Beethoven concert under Sir Georg Solti in his 75th birthday year; followed by fireworks and a party in the foyer hosted by Brian Matthew with George Melly. Also Open Day, with foyer entertainments (including Humphrey Lyttelton, garden display in the Conservatory, dance, Punch and Judy, poetry readings, and events for children. Feb 28-March 3. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141).

LAST CHANCE

MIRANDOLINA: Last performances of Adrian Mitchell's new adaptation of Goldoni play, directed by Tal Rubins. Until Sat. New Vic, King Street, Bristol. (0272 24388).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Ladies of the London Symphony Chorus. Richard Hickox cond Lorraine McAslan violin.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30 pm PHILHARMONIA. Andrew Davis. Lynn Harrell. Henry Herford. Dvorak: Slavonic Dances, Op.46 Nos. 1-3; Cello Concerto. Nielsen: Symphony No. 3 (Sinfonia Espansiva).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME perf now ends 10.45). Tomor 7.30 Faust.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Norma. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty: Ballet Casting info: 01 240 9816.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 See 'Theatres' section. New Sadler's Wells Opera info Hotline 278 0855.

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THE PIT ton't, tomor 7.30 Thurs 2.00 & 7.30 THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING by Arthur Miller. HERESIES by Deborah Levy. final perfs 13-17 Feb.

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Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

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HIGH SOCIETY
Directed by Richard Eyre
Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 26
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MALL GALLERIES (Nr Admiralty Arch) Tel: 01-930 6844 HUNTING GROUP ART COMPETITION 3 Feb - 14 Feb 10 - 5 Daily ADM free.

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ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7, 584 6612. FESTIVAL OF COLOUR: Paintings by Young Artists from the Islamic World. Until 26 April. Tue-Sat 10-5.30, Sun 12-5.30.

CINEMAS

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THE ARTS

Courting comedy

TELEVISION

Saturday's *Carrott Confidential* included a joke charity-appeal by Susannah York for the benefit of judges. I find my feelings towards judges not unreservedly charitable. Those deprived in recent years of the pleasures of the Theatre of the Absurd will be comforted to learn that it is alive and well in the English Crown Court.

Being a witness, though, to the amateur theatricals of the courtroom does make you relish even more Monday's regular encounter with *Rumpole of the Bailey* (ITV) and regard yet more credulously the eccentricities of the legal profession it so delights in.

Last night's episode, however, did have one thing that beggared belief. It was easy enough to accept that a judge was so naive as to go to a massage parlour to relieve himself of the hurts of a physical injury, but it was, judging from my experience, much less difficult to accept that his elbow had been damaged while playing tennis rather than while lifting one of the weighty instruments of pain or pleasure which fill our courts as mislabelled exhibits.

This Boris Becker of the Bench, played by Peter Bowles without a white hair in sight, found himself wrong-footed when forced to take a case in which the defendant was the owner of a chain of massage parlours. Fearful that his own credit-card slip might appear as evidence, he seemed to be trying to bribe Rumpole, who acted for the defence, with the prospect of elevation to the judiciary.

Mercifully for us viewers he realized in time that the handmaidens to whom he gave the elbow were not employed by the defendant and so Rumpole remained on the side of the angels, if not the right side of the law — or indeed of "She who must be obeyed".

A Woman's World (ITV), however, soon made you realize that the matriarchal powers of Mrs Rumpole are not shared by most of her sex. Devoid of the ideological obfuscation of a certain sort of feminism, it stated simply, with the aid of some startling statistics, the sorry lot of most women in the world, massaging the egos as well as the elbows of men who seek to judge over them.

Andrew Hislop

Good case spoilt by overkill

GALLERIES

David Bomberg: Works on Paper
Mayor

David Bomberg
Fischer Fine Art

Wilhelmina Barns-Graham
Gillian Jason

If there is such a thing in 20th-century British art as a sacred cow, quite beyond criticism, it must surely be **David Bomberg**. One senses that very much in the current Royal Academy show *British Art in the 20th Century*, where, despite the aggressive stance of the organizers about giving him such a prominent position, it is clear that he is taken by all involved, and is expected to be taken by all visitors, as, along with Sickert, the sole unquestionable classic. To confirm this, one of the authors of the Academy catalogue, Richard Cork, has just published a very substantial and lavish critical biography of Bomberg (Yale University Press, £55), and two individual shows have opened at West End galleries to mark the occasion, one of works on paper from virtually all stages of Bomberg's career, at the Mayor Gallery until March 14, the other a small show of works in various media at Fischer Fine Art until February 25.

Now there is undoubtedly a danger of overkill in all this. In many respects Bomberg is a ready-made trap for sympathy. He was one of a group of Jewish artists born around 1890, either in Britain just after their *émigré* parents had arrived or in Eastern Europe just before, nearly all of whom trained at the Slade, and who had notably varied subsequent careers and degrees of worldly success. (Among others were Mark Gertler, Bernard Meninsky, Isaac Rosenberg and Jacob Kramer.) Of them all, Bomberg was in certain respects the most unfortunate: he nearly always found himself swimming against the tide of artistic fashion, and seems to have had very little skill in handling people or the business side of being an artist.

Shortly after leaving the Slade he became an enthusiastic Vorticist, just when they were being most reviled and condemned. After the First World War, when the Vorticists were beginning to settle down and be accepted, he went to the other extreme, taking himself off to Palestine and drawing and painting landscapes rather beautifully, but in the most academic way imaginable, so that his former supporters deserted him while died-in-the-wool traditionalists mistrusted him. By the end of the decade, when his new style was coming to be accepted, he changed again, this time towards expressionistic distortion of the human figure and of landscape, which was a road hardly anyone else was then travelling.

During the Second World War he desperately wanted to be an Official War Artist, but Kenneth Clark barred his way, and his work towards a major painting or series of paintings on the theme of an underground bomb-store was largely frustrated. After the war he returned to expressionistic, semi-abstracted landscapes, and became an influential teacher (his influence on Auerbach is very apparent), but was almost totally neglected as a painter.

The desire not only to rediscover but somehow to redress the balance is a strong and honourable one. But we do not really make amends by overstating the case. At the Mayor Gallery we can see that he was indeed an extremely interesting artist, in his failures as much as in his successes. The early, Vorticist-tinged drawings of *Alice Stringing Beads* or of people backstage are wonderfully incisive and expressive (like the even earlier *Family Bereavement* at Fischer), and the range of late drawings (from the 1950s) of Ronda are stunningly accomplished. His actual Vorticist works, like the little *Russian Ballet* lithographs of 1919, are as good as anything the movement produced. But the Palestine drawings are rather ordinary, and the expressionstic portraits — of which there are examples also at Fischer — seem ham-fisted transitional works at best. The landscape oils which correspond to the Ronda drawings are often wonderful — again, there are two superb examples at Fischer — but some of the other works, often unfinished or in poor condition, which have been dug out and pretentiously framed since his death, do his reputation no service.

Was he really a great, misunderstood genius, or will he retreat in time to a less conspicuous position alongside Gertler (perhaps pushed too far too young) and Meninsky (whose quieter but no less intense talents have still to receive their due) as an important but hardly overtowering figure? It is not merely being evasive to observe that now only time can tell.

Wilhelmina Barns-Graham is a Scottish-born artist, now 75, who has lived and worked most of her life in St Ives. She considers herself almost entirely a St Ives artist (though there are a few paintings done on visits to Scotland which, she says, have possibly an element of the "jammy" Scottish quality of colour), and the newcomer would guess as much from the selection of mostly recent work now on show at Gillian Jason until February 28.

The landscape drawings have a cleanness and a feeling for the underlying bones of the Cornish terrain which recall Ben Nicholson or, further back, Christopher Wood. The abstracts (Barns-Graham has never seen any vital distinction between the two modes) are sometimes clearly landscape-based, and sometimes have geometrical or more generally constructivist elements which relate the artist to Nicholson or Hepworth or Gabo, and place her decidedly in a progressive St Ives context. But she has her own way with these common elements, and her tiny, just-dimensional collages are sheer civilized delight. It is good that for once we do not have to go to Edinburgh to catch up with her.

John Russell Taylor

Wonderfully incisive and expressive: David Bomberg's pencil and charcoal drawing *Family Bereavement*, dating back as far as 1913

The quest for the best

The new production of *Norma* opening at Covent Garden tonight was specifically designed to lure Margaret Price back to opera in Britain: interview by Hilary Finch

Ros Drinkwater

Price as Norma, a role she sees as the pinnacle of her career

Margaret Price is back. This decade Britain has only seen one of her grandest prima donnas once every three years. Those who want to hear Price have to follow her around the Continent; for she has found a home in Munich which satisfies well enough both her social and professional life. It has taken a new production of Bellini's *Norma*, specially mounted for her, to lure her back. It opens at Covent Garden tonight.

"Sir John Tooley asked me what I wanted to sing, and I said Norma. He swallowed very hard, took a long gulp, and said "Ahem . . . Oh! *Lovely*!". Price roars with laughter. It all sounds so simple. But there are, of course, endless complexities behind the much-debated exile. Just how self-imposed is it? "Let's just say it's the way the cookie crumbles. From the beginning I found more work the other side of the Channel. That's how it happened." Those who like to knock Covent Garden will tell you it is a question of conditions there, rehearsal time, endless revivals; diva-bashers will claim it is merely a question of temperament and impossible demands.

Price pre-empts the secondary probe: "I know I have a reputation within the profession for being difficult." A long sigh, and a longer, wary pause. "I just can't comment on that. If being difficult is wanting the best possible conditions for working, then, all right, I'm difficult." How much has it to do with Price's own punishing perfectionism in refusing all but the right role at the right time? Her shoulders relax. "Well, of course, I'll *have* to say it's the right time for Norma." Price sang her first Norma at Zurich in 1979; Covent Garden was the goal; this she sees as the pinnacle of her career, and she knows exactly the demands before her.

"For a start, it's difficult to learn. There are those stretches of recitative — all in archaic Italian. Then it's a test of stamina. The range is actually no different from bottom to top than a Mozart role — as low as Fiordiligi, and only up to top C — *only*! Aargh! The first act *is* difficult for me: the voice is at its highest and there's all that colaratura. I'll be like a horse shying at a fence. But, no, it's the emotional range. First Norma is the matriarch who has to pull everyone together. Then there's the enormous tranquility that you have to find within yourself to sing 'Casta diva'. If you don't find it, you can forget the whole role."

Price's way is to probe long and hard into character; identify, where she can, from her own "treasure-chest of pain and happiness"; dig deep, too, into the motivation of the characters around her.

She is deeply concerned, for example, that Adalgisa's insincerity be brought out; she is grateful for the freedom given her by John Copley in what she sees as a spaciously traditional production. Grateful, too, for the presence of Sir John Pritchard, with whom she has worked since the early Sixties at Glyndebourne.

It was Mozart who brought conductor and soprano together, and it is Mozart, of course, who, ever since that first Cherubino with Welsh National in 1962, has been the guiding spirit in Price's career. "It's quite uncanny. No matter what I sing, as soon as I come back to Mozart it's as though it were tailor-made for me. My technique has simply been based on Mozart, and trying to get every single note as well balanced as possible. I try to think of singing as a string of pearls, where each pearl is the same size, the same clarity, the same colour. I do always try to sing as *beautifully* as possible; so I'm continually listening. I'm the first to know it when something's not right. I don't need a — sorry! — critic to tell me."

Strauss, according to Price, has been tried and found wanting — though that is not what the critics said at the time of her Munich *Ariadne* three years ago. "I just don't like Strauss. I don't like the Marschallin, Arabella's such a wet, and I don't have the voice for anything else. So that puts paid to that, doesn't it." After *Figaro* in Munich this summer, it is as Mozart's Donna Anna that Price will return to Covent Garden next year — with Sir Colin Davis and Thomas Allen's Don Giovanni. "In 1988, with *Ballo in maschera* coming up too. I seem to be here for six months." The three-year rule has been broken.

CONCERTS

LCP/Norrington
Elizabeth Hall

When we all think that we know our Beethoven Ninth backwards, how is a performer to make it all seem relevant once more? Roger Norrington, in his weekend festival called "The Beethoven Experience", seems to have found a way. After two days spent realigning attitudes, by staging talks and discussions about the work and its place in the evolutionary process of music, by presenting related music and dance, and by publicly rehearsing the work, he crowned the weekend with a reading whose power was quite staggering — the more so for being presented to an audience listening as participants rather than observers and eager to applaud, in accordance with early 19th-century enthusiasms, between movements.

Most of Norrington's tempos, both here and earlier in his spine-tingling performance of the Eighth Symphony, were on the fast side, but there was no question of this being an expedient, as it sometimes is, for covering up inadequate preparation. Rather the ploy, aided by some alert articulation, heightened the impact of the music's audacity.

Details of orchestration that one misses in performances dominated by large, opulent string sections — a trumpet line here, a clarinet counter-melody there — made themselves felt anew; and indeed, far from making the piece sound scrawny, the thinner timbres of the period-style instruments paradoxically had the effect of liberating the extraordinary richness of orchestration. It helped, too, that the London Classical Players knew their notes pretty thoroughly.

And so did the 50-strong Schütz Choir, which made its effect more exultantly, because more unanimously, than could a group four times its size. The solo singers, Yvonne Kenny, Sarah Walker, Patrick Power and Petteri Salomaa, took great pains to blend with each other in ensemble, refusing to linger self-indulgently on the soprano's climactic high B towards the end. Berlioz next year: I cannot wait.

Stephen Pettitt

● The Bristol Old Vic production of *Largo Desolato* by Vaclav Havel, adapted by Tom Stoppard, opened at the Hong Kong Arts Festival yesterday and runs there for the rest of the week. The production, given its world première in Bristol last October, subsequently toured in the Netherlands. The current production of the play at the Orange Tree, Richmond, was incorrectly described as the British première on this page on January 28.

LSO/Rozhdestvensky
Barbican/Radio 3

Some very precise images are reflected in *The Rite of Spring*, as well as in Debussy's orchestral *Images*, which together comprised another of the London Symphony Orchestra's "Stravinsky Plus" programmes broadcast from the Barbican on Sunday night. Debussy was at pains to disassociate himself from the tag of "impressionism" in this instance, claiming "the effect of reality" instead, and even quoting "real" folk-tunes from England and France.

Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducted an affecting performance of a work rarely heard in its entirety these days when the central panel of the triptych, *Iberia*, is thought to do very well on its own. This benefited from a sense of changing perspective as well as subtle clarity of detail, with the nocturnal perfumes of the middle section a heady mixture and the morning's festivities having a brilliant vitality.

But the Spanishry which so appealed to Falla was enclosed by an account of *Gigues*, with its "Keel Row" refrain that was no less impressive for its judgement of colour and balance, and that other rite of spring in *Rondes de Printemps*, where the sense of a southern light glinting through the haze was generated by wholly musical imagery.

For a variety of reasons *The Rite of Spring* itself failed to achieve a comparable fascination. For much of the first part the conductor was content to let Stravinsky's enthronement of rhythm become a measure instead of an impetus. And loudness did duty for brilliance in bringing every picturesque detail, in its literal sense, into the foreground.

Not all the instrumental playing was as precise as it ought to be in an orchestra that should know this music inside out (first violins, some of the brass and lower woodwind), and the final Sacrificial Dance lost some of its necessary momentum and articulation for want of a firmer pulse.

Yet the performance showed there are still some high-technology works in which 100 or so musicians can outface electronics, and I venture to hope *The Rite* will always be one of them.

Noël Goodwin

Sine Nomine Quartet
Wigmore Hall

It is not only in the operatic world that a cancellation can bring a chance for a young performer. When the Alban Berg Quartet were forced to cancel their British tour at short notice, due to illness, the unexpected opportunity for a London début fell to the Sine Nomine Quartet from Switzerland.

The programme underwent a total metamorphosis. Beethoven and Shostakovich were out and in their place we had a good balance of Haydn, Debussy and Schubert. To judge from their handling of these varied pieces, the Sine Nomine Quartet should make at least a useful addition in an area where musical standards are traditionally high.

Their strongest showing was in Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" Quartet. The warm, lyrical sound which the players cultivate comes across well in music like this work's slow movement, where Schubert takes up one of his song melodies and turns it into a set of variations. Lyrical lines, whether on solo cello or violin and viola in duet, sang with effortless grace.

In the long first movement, however, their limitations were more apparent. This is one of Schubert's most demanding creations, an outpouring of great intensity, and it needs a less generalized and diffuse approach if it is to carry its tension through to the last bar. The strange and empty held semibreves near the end crucially failed to make any impact.

This need to make individual moments tell remains the group's only real shortcoming. Any suspicion that their playing might lack bite was dispelled by the strong attack in the finale, and there is no lack of instrumental colour, either from the quartet as a whole or from individuals.

The subdued atmosphere of the Debussy slow movement was beautifully sustained. It will be interesting to see what they make of other repertoire in the future. Perhaps then they might also tell us the origins of their name, or rather the lack of one.

Richard Fairman

Dramatic vigil

THEATRE

Lillian
Fortune

It was not until after the death of Dashiell Hammett — her life companion for some 30 years — that Lillian Hellman began writing her autobiography, as if trying to define herself to the world now that she could no longer do so through him. There is a strong sense of "left-over life to kill" running through the three books from which William Luce has compiled this one-woman play.

What makes it a play, rather than a mere transcript, is the device of presenting it as Hellman's last vigil in a New York hospital as Hammett lies dying of cancer. For once, the usual question of one-character plays — why is she telling us all this? — does not arise.

The title of the first book, *An Unfinished Woman*, could stand for the whole self-portrait. She was a woman of powerfully radical temper but who, as she told McCarthy's committee, "could have no comfortable place in any political group". She was devoted to Hammett, yet they spent most of their time apart. She had a hell of a lot of fun and public recognition, yet was constantly sabotaged by the sense of failure. Out of these contradictions she made her plays. Autobiographically laid out, they supply Frances de la Tour with the materials to chart her growth with self-lacerating precision.

The pace of Corin Redgrave's production is sluggish and it is a mistake to re-enact the House Un-American Activities Committee proceedings with pre-recorded voices. But the performance itself excels in off-pedestal sketches of Hellman's Olympian associates; and a line is drawn with great clarity from the New Orleans girl defying segregation laws to the subpoenaed playwright refusing to name names.

Irving Wardle

● Peter Barkworth's *Siegfried Sassoon*, reviewed by Jeremy Kingston when it opened at Hampstead last month, has transferred to the Apollo.

Reunion that turned the tables

ROCK

The Blasters
Mean Fiddler

Los Lobos
Astoria

The happy coincidence by which Los Lobos and the Blasters found themselves playing in London within three days of each other gave the two groups from East Los Angeles a chance to renew fraternal ties, and offered eloquent testament to the vagaries of success in the music business.

The brothers Phil and Dave Alvin from Downey, LA, started the Blasters "in Phil's bedroom" in 1979, by which time Los Lobos, who lived but a few miles away in the barrio district, had already been together for eight years without conspicuous success. By 1981 the Blasters had secured a recording contract with Slash and were playing the famous Whisky-a-Go-Go when members of Los Lobos approached them backstage with a tape of their music. From then on the Blasters took Los Lobos with them as support act wherever they could, and successfully lobbied Slash records on their protégés' behalf. Six years later, at the Astoria on Sunday, it was Phil Alvin and then the Blasters who played an impromptu support set to the now ascending Los Lobos.

At their own gig last week at the Mean Fiddler, the Blasters played with warm, loose intensity until the small hours to a densely-packed crowd. Dave Alvin, who had left the group last April to make way for the recruitment of the guitarist Hollywood Fats, was back in the fold, owing to Fats's untimely death of a heart attack (at 32), and also guesting was the saxophonist Steve Berlin, an original member of the Blasters who now plays for (yes) Los Lobos. Thus, the scene was set for a "reunion" performance that found the band hammering out the combination that established them in the first place: Dave Alvin's sharply-sketched originals and the obscure R & B and hot jazz songs so beloved of Phil Alvin.

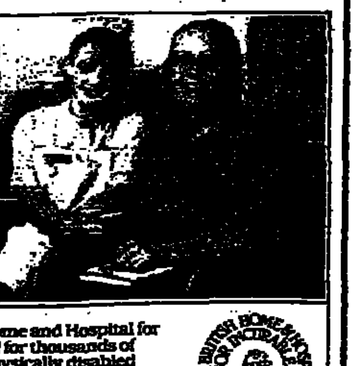
Phil Alvin, a man who finds endless fascination in travelling the highways and byways of archive American roots music, sang little-known gems like Rudy Toombs's bluesy jive "I'm Shakin'". Harold Burrage's shuffle "Here Me Crying" and John Lee Williamsons's Louisiana swamp blues "Hoodoo Man", a precursor of the more familiar "Hoochy Coochy Man". His hair brushed back, and with a fixed grin plastered across his babyish face, he prefaced most songs with a dedication. It was an engaging ploy that drew an already intoxicated audience into ever closer collusion with the band, which in turn gathered momentum like a swing being pushed a little bit harder by every song.

It ended for most people, I suspect, with cheerful memories and a sore head in the morning.

All of which was in some contrast to Los Lobos, whose performance has become a lot more studied since their emergence as major contenders in the market that recently placed albums by the Fabulous Thunderbirds and Robert Cray in the American top 30. The Astoria is of course a much bigger venue than the Mean Fiddler but, though they featured the traditional Spanish polkas (and ended with a rousing "La Bamba"), Los Lobos seemed to be playing the role of a more conventional rock band than in the past, an impression confirmed by newer material like "Tears of God" and "Set Me Free (Rosa Lee)", songs which represented a clear drift away from their Tex-Mex roots.

Such considerations did not impede the pre-eminent guitar interplay of Cesar Rosas and David Hidalgo in the blistering "Don't Worry Baby", or Hidalgo's marvellously pitched singing in "Will the Wolf Survive", but although a top-notch performance it was in a new mould of reduced intimacy and dissipated immediacy.

David Sinclair



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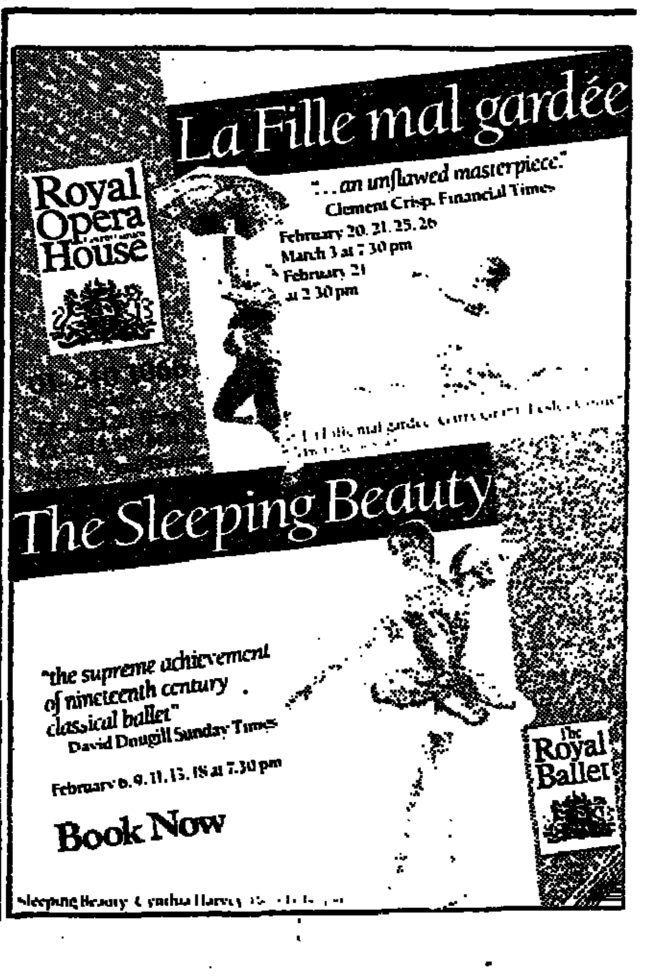

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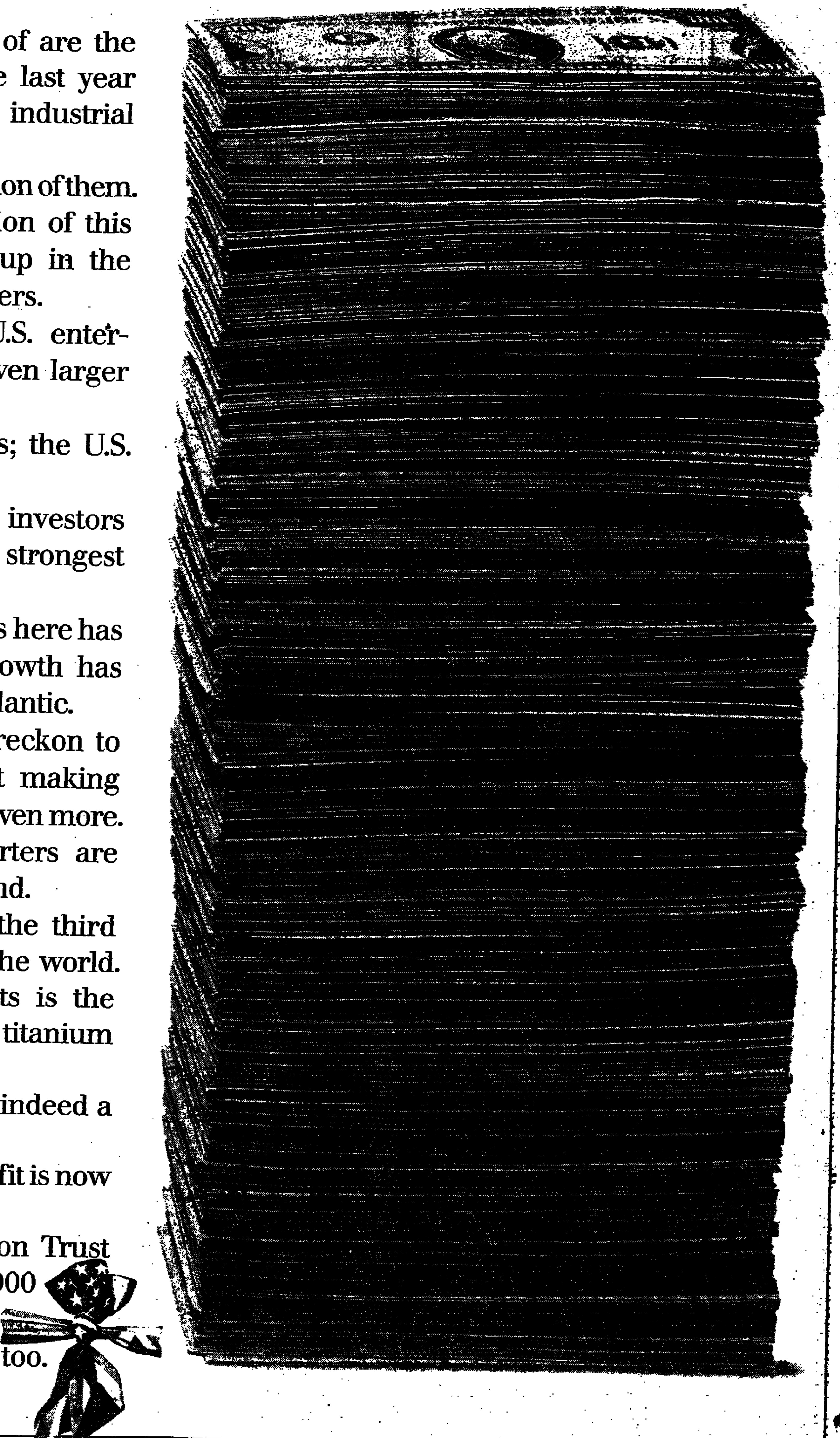

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£60m for News expansion

News International, owner of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*, is raising about £60 million to finance expansion.

The group announced yesterday that it was issuing 2.7 million new "special dividend" shares. The price will be based on the closing middle market quote of the existing shares on or before Friday, February 13. The shares last night closed at £22.25.

The shares are being issued by way of an open offer through a syndicate headed by Credit Suisse First Boston, Cazenove, and Deutsche Bank. The issue will increase the special dividend share capital by 6.8 per cent. There are 39.8 million shares in issue, of which 34.9 million are owned by a subsidiary of News Corporation.

The new issue represents a 56 per cent increase in the number of shares not owned by News Corporation and will, therefore, increase their market liquidity substantially.

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£60m bonds

Redland, the building materials group, has announced an issue of £60 million Eurosterling convertible bonds. The proceeds will be swapped into dollars which will be used to refinance existing short-term dollar debt at an interest rate of 4.5 per cent for five years.

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Successful run

The sports shoe supplier Reebok, a 37 per cent subsidiary of Pentland Industries, announced it had a $445 million (£293 million) backlog of orders at the beginning of the year, compared with $325 million last year.

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Store cash

Hillards, the Yorkshire supermarket group, is raising £14.7 million from shareholders to help finance its store-opening programme. The company is forecasting pretax profits of at least £9.75 million for this year, compared with £8.5 million. Tempus, page 19

Bid deadline

Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, the £40 million investment trust bidding for the £80 million General Funds Investment Trust, said its bid would lapse on Friday unless it received acceptances of more than 50 per cent.

Reuters buys

Reuters Holdings has acquired Securities Clearing International Corporation, a private communications company, for Can$1.47 million (£72 million) cash.

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Group of Five no nearer pact

Baker drives dollar down

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar plunged yesterday, after comments from the United States Treasury Secretary Mr James Baker, and further signs that the major countries are far apart in reaching agreement on currencies.

It closed dropped by four pfennigs in London and continued its fall last night in New York. The pound, having briefly dipped below $1.50 in the morning, ended the day with a net gain of nearly a cent at $1.5175.

Mr Baker, interviewed on NBC television in Washington, said that there were no firm plans for a meeting of the Group of Five finance ministers of the US, Britain, Germany, Japan and France, to stabilize the dollar.

"There's no such meeting scheduled as we sit here this morning," he said, adding: "You shouldn't hold a meeting that isn't going to be successful."

Mr Baker refused to say that the Reagan Administration agrees with the other Group of Five members, who believe that the dollar has fallen far enough.

"The Administration and the Fed obviously do not want to see the dollar fall too far and too fast," he said. But the fall so far had been good for the US economy, he added.

The US Treasury Secretary's comments, which dealers interpreted as a return to the strategy of talking down the dollar, had an immediate impact in the foreign exchange markets.

The US currency, having started the day strong, fell sharply. It ended four pfennigs lower on the day at DM1.8150 in London and fell from Y154.35 to Y152.50 against the yen.

The pound, which has been recovering in line with the stronger dollar, lost ground against most currencies yesterday. It fell by 4.25 pfennigs to DM2.7570. The sterling index dipped by 0.3 points to 68.5.

In Brussels, EEC finance ministers had a regular meeting but the prospect of an early Group of Five meeting did not feature in discussions, officials said.

Earlier, Herr Hans Tietmeyer, a minister at the West German Ministry of Finance, said that it was wrong to say that Germany was opposed to a G5 meeting.

Mr Mark Eyskens, the Belgian finance minister and chairman of the Council of Ministers said that all EEC countries would welcome action to encourage foreign exchange stability.

In Tokyo, Mr Satoshi Sumita, Governor of the Bank of Japan, said that a reduction in the Japanese discount rate was dependent upon a G5 meeting. But officials at the Ministry of Finance conceded that no progress had been made towards such a meeting.

Figures published today by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development suggest that the dollar has already fallen too far against most currencies.

The purchasing power parity calculations, based on relative inflation rates, indicate a 1986 level for the mark/dollar rate of DM2.48, and for the yen/dollar rate of Y223, 37 per centand 47 per cent respectively above current levels.

The pound is too low against most currencies, the figures suggest.

Inspectors told of £15m share deal

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Anthony Parnes, the former Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank stockbroker, bought £15 million worth of Guinness shares for the Distillers pension fund after the bid for Distillers succeeded last April.

Mr Parnes is understood to have told the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors that the shares were bought in the market over a period and that they were showing a 10 per cent average appreciation immediately before the inspectors moved into Guinness on December 1.

Mr Ronald Penny, a Laing employee questioned briefly by the inspectors, worked as an administration clerk for Mr Parnes and is believed to have carried out minor administrative duties concerning the purchases.

The inspectors have been examining the pension fund deal to see whether the Guinness shares were purchased from parties who had bought them under indemnity arrangements promised by the old Guinness management.

Mr Parnes is believed to maintain that the shares he bought were from a number of institutions at prevailing market prices.

The Distillers pension fund, which was managed in-house at the time, purchased Guinness shares amounting to 5 per cent of its equity portfolio.

The Guinness board is holding a full board meeting today in Edinburgh and will consider its latest information on the £25 million worth of mystery invoices unearthed by its accountants.

Noble profits

Noble Grossart, the Edinburgh-based merchant bank, announced pretax profits of £2.65 million for the year to January 31. The company said it had been a particularly active year, with rapid growth at its London office.

Credit boom nears record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Retail sales in December were weaker than originally estimated, but consumer credit advances, at £2.81 billion, were close to record levels.

The latest figures for credit advances suggest the borrowing boom is unlikely to peter out. The total of £2.81 billion in December, after seasonal adjustment — compared with £2.64 billion in November — was the second highest on record.

Access and Barclaycard advances were again strong, rising to £1.2 billion, compared with £1.13 billion in November. There was also an increase in traditional, fixed-sum credit, up from £843 million to £923 million.

In the latest three months, advances on bank credit cards rose by 3 per cent, while traditional hire purchase loans fell by 2 per cent.

The amount of credit outstanding at the end of last year stood at £23.74 billion, up by £552 million compared with September, and £2.9 billion higher than in December 1985.

Final retail sales figures for December showed the index of sales volume at 125.0 (1980=100), 1.1 per cent down on November's record level. Provisional figures had suggested a 0.4 per cent fall. Department of Trade and Industry officials said such revisions between provisional and final figures were not uncommon.

The smaller December increase trimmed last year's overall increase in retail sales to 4.9 per cent. This was still the highest since 1978.

In the second half of last year, sales by mixed retail businesses were particularly strong, up by 5.6 per cent on the previous six months. Food retailers recorded a volume increase of 1.2 per cent, and non-food retailers 5 per cent.

Industry cost rise may fuel inflation

By Our Economics Correspondent

Industry's costs and prices rose strongly last month, pointing to upward pressure on inflation. Manufacturing industry's raw material and fuel costs rose by 1 per cent, mainly on higher oil prices.

Prices charged by industry at the factory gate rose by 0.7 per cent last month, the biggest increase since April. The rise, which occurred as firms introduced new, 1987 price lists, was bigger than analysts expected.

Measured over 12 months, factory gate prices were 4.3 per cent higher than in January 1986. In December, the rate was 4.2 per cent.

The index for manufacturing industry's costs was 2.5 per cent down on a year earlier, despite last month's rise in industry's costs, mainly due to higher prices of petroleum products and higher prices for home-produced food manufacturing materials.

This is explained by the sharp fall in petroleum product prices during the first half of last year. Last July, industry's costs were 10.5 per cent down on a year earlier.

The rise in industry's material costs is likely to feed through to higher retail price inflation. Several City economists expect inflation to rise

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2177.87 (−9.00)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	19679.32 (+129.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2713.67 (+40.10)
Amsterdam: Gen	262.0 (−0.5)
Sydney: AO	1551.2 (+12.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1755.5 (+22.2)
Brussels:	
General	4018.11 (+10.88)
Paris: CAC	418.2 (−0.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	541.30 (−0.60)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	86.12 (−0.12)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 10 31/32-15/16%
3-month eligible bills:n/a
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.72-5.71%*
30-year bonds 99 [illegible]*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5175	£: $1.5185*
£: DM2.7543	$: DM1.8070*
£: SwFr2.3233	$: SwFr1.5235*
£: FFr9.1885	$: FFr6.0175*
£: Yen231.42	$: Yen152.10*
£: Index:68.5	$: Index:104.1
ECU £0.741478	SDR £0.829041

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Royal Ins.	958p (+21p)
BOC Group	464p (+16p)
Notts Brick	392p (+19p)
Redland	498p (+16p)
Braithwaite	296p (+31p)
APV	643p (+23p)
Brit Aerospace	612p (+19p)
Lilleshall	310p (+50p)
United Leasing	217p (+19p)
Tomkins	405p (+50p)
Beatson Clark	288p (+20p)
Coats Viyella	583p (+27p)
Fitch & Co	338p (+28p)
Hanover	253p (+22p)
WPP Group	890p (+45p)
IC Gas	607p (+14p)
Jacksons Bourne	428p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Cable & Wireless	378p (−6p)
Avana	674p (−11p)
Amstrad	150p (−8p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.95 pm-$405.90
close $405.75-406.25 (£267.75-268.25)
New York:
Comex $405.50-406.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $17.85 bbl($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

Captains of industry turn down top job

Eurotunnel shunned

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

A number of leading figures in British industry have shunned approaches from Eurotunnel, the troubled Channel tunnel consortium which is seeking a replacement for Lord Pennock as joint chairman.

Sir Michael Edwardes, formerly head of British Leyland and now chairman of Chloride, was sounded out for the job but felt there was no question of taking it on because of other commitments.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of P&O which owns European Ferries, has had informal discussions with Eurotunnel but declined because of the obvious conflicts of interest. Sir John Harvey-Jones, the outgoing chairman of ICI, turned down the offer last month.

Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman of the National Coal Board and British Steel, had the support of at least one Eurotunnel board member but yesterday made it clear he would not be interested.

Sir Ian was chairman of the rival drive-through Euroroute proposal until the end of 1984 and said it would be "an abandonment of principles" to become involved with the Eurotunnel rail link.

Lord Pennock: he could stay until after fund-raising

He added: "I would question whether it (Eurotunnel) can be financed without public support.

"I do not think it is a practical solution. If it does succeed, it is going to be totally unsatisfactory." Sir Ian said he was still involved with Euroroute's French partners and that the scheme was being kept alive.

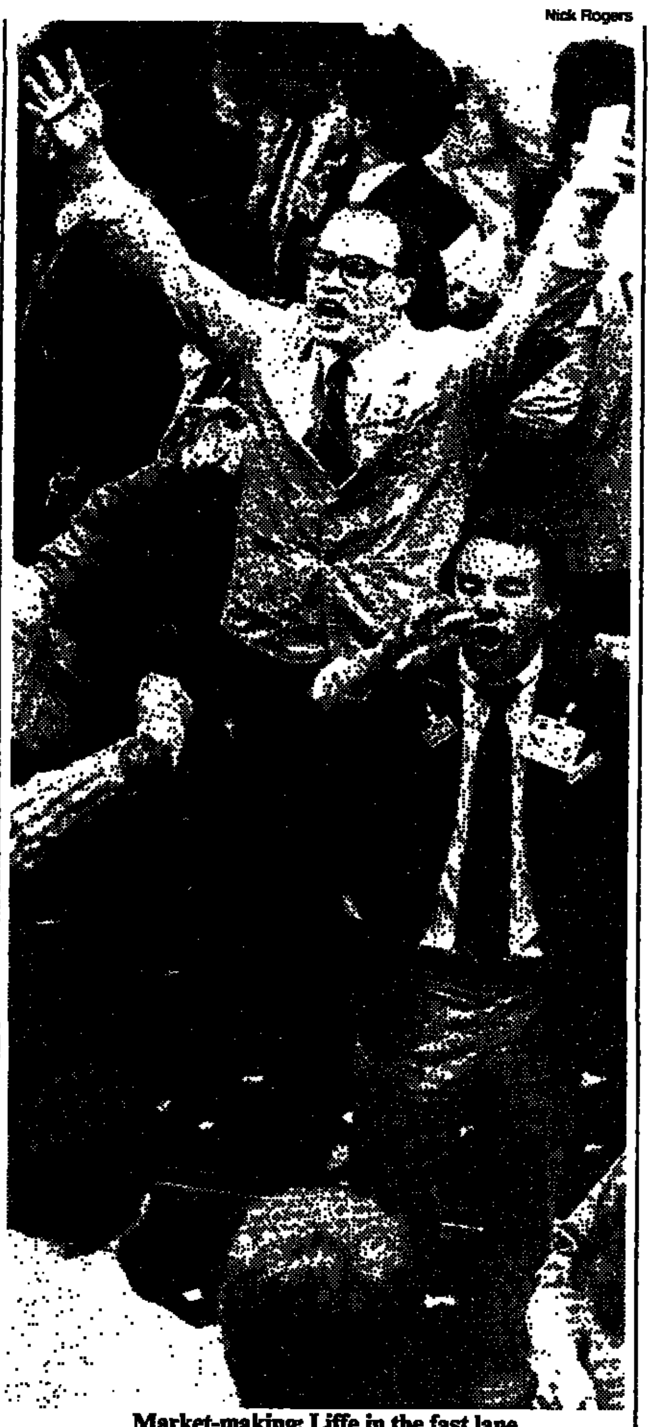
Sir Owen Green, who is retiring from a full-time executive role at BTR, has not been approached by Eurotunnel.

The boardroom crisis at Eurotunnel has escalated over the past two weeks and the consortium is seeking to clarify the position of Lord Pennock as soon as possible in order to minimize the damage to the credibility of the £4.7 billion project.

It is still possible that, if no suitable successor is found, Lord Pennock could stay on until after the summer fund-raising. A statement is expected soon — perhaps before the February 20 board meeting.

Also still to be clarified is the position of Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House. He has still not decided whether to resign as a non-executive director of Eurotunnel and his future role is likely to depend on whether he feels he can work with a new joint chairman.

Those close to the situation talk of the need to find a "hero" figure with the time and prestige necessary to carry out a business and ambassadorial role.


Nick Rogers

Market-making: Liffe in the fast lane

Liffe opens trading link with Chicago

By Alison Eadie

The London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) and the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) yesterday announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding, paving the way for a comprehensive mutual offset system between the two exchanges within six months.

Mutual offset would allow traders on Liffe to open a contract in London, for example on US Treasury Bond futures, and close it in Chicago. The proposed system will cover all mutual contracts now traded or contemplated, but will be aimed primarily at the T-Bond — the world's most popular financial futures instrument.

The link-up will not technically lead to round-the-world financial futures trading, although in practice 24-hour trading will be possible. Liffe forged a link with the Sydney Futures Exchange (SFE) last October whereby traders can deal interchangeably in Sydney and London on the Eurodollar and T-Bond futures contracts.

There has still to be a link-up between the CBOT and the SFE, but Mr Brian Williamson, chairman of Liffe, said he hoped such a link would be forged before the end of the year. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange made the first mutual offset arrangement with the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) in 1984.

Mr Williamson said the agreement would benefit users of Liffe by promoting greater flexibility and lower costs, which would in turn increase volume. Liffe and the CBOT share about 30 big dealing members.

Liffe and the CBOT also have an agreement dating from October 1985 covering mutual offset on Japanese government bonds. Liffe hopes to introduce a Japanese bond futures contract in the next three-to-four months.

Airways investors face sale dilemma

By Our City Editor

Thousands of shareholders in newly-privatized British Airways face a dilemma when stock market dealings begin tomorrow.

Those who bought with the aim of making a short-term profit will be sorely tempted to sell their stock, which looks certain to open at a premium of about 50 per cent on the 65p partly-paid price.

But allotment letters, the official confirmation that they actually have some shares to sell, will not be posted until next Monday at the earliest.

They run the risk of having to repay their "profits" or purchasing BA shares at even higher prices if their applications have been unsuccessful.

An official of Hill Samuel, the merchant bank which arranged the flotation, said: "If people sell before they have received allotment letters, they should be aware that they are taking a risk. They are on their own."

Small shareholders who "stagged" the TSB flotation will be keen to take advantage of the high opening price which looks certain tomorrow. The TSB price hit its highest level of 102p in first-day dealings then fell away sharply.

The risk of being left without an allotment was greater in the TSB issue than is the case with BA.

Even though the BA shares earmarked for the general public were oversubscribed almost 32 times, Hill Samuel avoided the need for a ballot by scaling down the pre-placed holdings of institutional investors by 20 per cent.

Hill Samuel suggests that anxious applicants should consult their banks from tomorrow onwards to see if their BA cheques have been presented. If so, they can expect to receive some shares on the basis of allotment published at the weekend.

In the unofficial "grey" market operated by Cleveland Securities, the licensed share dealer, BA shares gave a lively performance yesterday. They opened at 94p to sellers and 99p to buyers. By late afternoon Cleveland was quoting a price of 99p for sellers and 104p for buyers.

Maxwell offer still expected

By John Bell, City Editor

Shares in engineering group Baker Perkins remained stubbornly above the level of the revised £133 million takeover terms from the APV group yesterday with analysts confidently expecting a counterbid from Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group.

Late on Friday, the Peterborough-based group agreed a lower offer than the original £160 million bid after cost over-runs in a subsidiary came to light. These have led to a sharp lowering of expected profits.

Though no confirmation is yet forthcoming from either Baker Perkins or its intended partner, APV, analysts have been lowering their unofficial estimates from around £16 million for the 12 months to March 1987 to around £7 million.

The downgrading of profits has already produced casualties. Baker Perkins chairman Mr John Peake, originally earmarked for a seat on the combined board, is to retire. Chief executive, Mr Mike Smith, will not now become joint chief executive of the merged company, though he will be an executive director.

The affair has also heightened the probability of an offer from Mr Maxwell, whose Hollis group has already purchased around 5 per cent of Baker Perkins' shares. Apart from making a bid slightly cheaper, the downgrading of the offer leaves APV badly placed if Mr Maxwell puts in an offer close to the original offer.

Mr Maxwell is a substantial customer of the Baker Perkins printing machinery subsidiary which produces high quality web-offset litho equipment.

During an abortive attempt to acquire the automtive engineering group, AE, Mr Maxwell announced his intention of using Hollis, which is much smaller than Baker Perkins, as the nucleus of a substantial engineering group with heavy emphasis on research and high technology.

In the stock market yesterday, APV shares gained 16p in early trading to 636p, while Baker Perkins edged up 3p to 334p.

French rush for Paribas

Paris (Reuter) — The public share offering for Cie Financière de Paribas, the French banking group, has been 39 times oversubscribed, with 3.8 million private individuals applying for 590 million shares, compared with 14.7 million on offer, M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, said.

He said that as a result of the huge demand, the international allocation of 6.3 million shares would be scaled back by 10 per cent to 5.67 million. Small French investors would receive four and not 10 shares as promised.

Apart from the 14.7 million shares on offer to the French public and 6.3 million originally offered to foreign buyers, 8.5 million were placed with corporate shareholders and 3.5 million offered to Paribas employees.

The shares, priced at Fr405, start trading on Thursday.

Good result for Ordnance

The financial performance of Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms manufacturer scheduled for privatization by April, showed a marked improvement last year.

The company indicated yesterday that pretax profits last year reached about £25 million, excluding the Leeds tank factory, which was sold to Vickers.

Royal Ordnance has transformed the £52 million in net borrowings at the end of 1985 into net cash of £2 million. Net assets are £240 million.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Europe and US act to avert trade war

Brussels (Reuter) – The European Economic Community and the United States are to increase co-operation on telecommunications in an attempt to avoid trade conflicts in the sector, EEC officials said yesterday. M Michel Carpentier, head of the European Commission's department of technology, said talks with US officials and industrialists last week forged better understanding. "Now further talks can go ahead." Officials said both sides were ready to open their markets. "We are determined to defuse any potential trade wars," *one said.The EEC is concerned about possible* restrictions on entry into US markets. Washington is worried its firms could be shut out of the EEC market once common EEC testing procedures for telecommunications equipment are approved.

L&N gains bid time

***London & Northern,* which is fighting a bid from Demerger Two, has been granted an extension of the bid timetable by the Take*over Panel* because "a number of material factors have come to light." L&N could not say to what areas of business the factors related. *Day 39, by which the company* must publish all significant information, has been extended until Monday. Days 46 and 60 have been *similarly extended.* Demerger said last Friday it had acceptances for 29.53 per cent of L&N shares.**

Bonn growth forecast cut

Essen (Reuter) – The RWI economic research institute has predicted West German growth of 2 per cent for 1987 and says unemployment will improve only slightly in the year. RWI is one of the five institutes which published a joint report last year forecasting that the gross national product (GNP) would expand by 3 per cent in 1987. RWI blames the deteriorating outlook primarily on the rise of the mark which has dampened earnings prospects of export-orientated industrial sectors. This would hit investments.

Meggitt disposes of Bestobell offshoot

The engineering group Meggitt Holdings is selling its Australian-based Bestobell Engineering Products for £5.85 million. BEP is the distribution division of Bestobell Industries Australia. The buyer is Commonwealth Industrial Gases, a listed Australian company 59 per cent owned by the *BOC group. CIG* is purchasing all the assets and liabilities of BEP, except bank overdrafts. On completion early next month, all the borrowings of the Bestobell group in Australia will be repaid and the balance re-invested. Bestobell was bought for £85 million last August.

New terms on Manila debt

Manila (Reuter) – Creditors of the Philippine Commercial and Industrial Bank have offered to reschedule a $3.6 billion debt over 16 years, foreign banking sources said. The proposal is expected to help obtain a compromise on restructuring repayments due between 1987 and 1991 when talks between Philippine officials and a 12-bank advisory committee resume in New York on February 23.

Gulf council backs Opec

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) – Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) oil ministers yesterday reiterated support for Opec efforts to stabilize world oil prices at $18 a barrel. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar are OPEC members while the other GCC states – Oman and Bahrain – closely follow OPEC policies. The ministers were expected to discuss reported violations of UAE's production quota.

Tokyo rules on NTT

Tokyo (Reuter) – The Tokyo Stock Exchange has said it will not accept market orders to buy the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation shares, in an effort to ensure the shares trade today. Investors who wish to bid on the shares must be prepared to pay cash, rather than having the usual four-day grace period. Brokers said this should help pare back some of the buy orders, allowing the shares to open and trade. NTT was listed on the Tokyo Exchange yesterday but failed to trade as buy orders outnumbered sellers by 10 to one. The price advanced the Y200,000 limit to Y1.4 million and brokers expect NTT shares to rise further this week.

STOCK MARKET

BA's hopes of more scheduled services lifts hotel sector

By Michael Clark

Just one throwaway line in the British Airways prospectus was enough to breathe some new life back in shares of several of the big hotel groups yesterday.

The news that BA was *anticipating* an increase in the volume of scheduled service traffic during this year over last year boosted hopes among dealers that the hotel industry may *benefit. Many of London's* big hotels were badly hit by the absence last year of US tourists worried by the growing threat of terrorism.

Those missing tourists cost **Trusthouse Forte**, the leisure and hotel giant, something like £12 million in lost profits last year. Selective support *enabled THF, in ex-dividend* form, to shrug off early weakness. The price finished only 3p lighter at 211p as almost 5 million shares changed hands. *Grand Metropolitan, another* big hotel operator, broke through the 500p level to finish the session 7p up at an all-time high of 503p as turn*over reached almost 2.5 million* shares.

Friendly Hotels was another beneficiary, climbing 8p to a peak of 196p along with ***London Park Hotels****, 6p to* 550p. Some dealers are now convinced that the hotel sector may be due for a re-rating.

The rest of the equity *market* opened *the new ac*count on another firm note, enabling share prices to extend their record-breaking run. However, a dull resumption of trading on *Wall Street* took some of the steam out of the market and prices closed below their best levels of the day.

The FT Index of top 30 shares was 8.3 up at 1,517.2 at 4pm, while the FT-SE 100 closed 12.3 up at a record 1,910.7, having been 26.6 up at its highest point of the day.

Government securities closed changed in thin trade.

Shares of Sir Owen Green's **BTR** are quickly shrugging off the ill effects of its recent abortive £1.7 billion bid for Pilkington Bros, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer. Yesterday the price rose another 14p to 310p – just 20p below its high – as almost 8 million shares changed hands.

Part of the reason for BTR's failure to win Pilkington was the dramatic re-rating of the latter over the past few months and Sir Owen's refusal to pay over the odds and walk away. *This has put him in* good stead with City followers and should enable him to attract their support should the group decide to hit the acquistion trail again soon.

But there is a bit more to the recent support shown for the shares than Sir Owen's popularity. BTR has also been dragged along on the coat tails of Lord Hanson's **Hanson Trust**, the other big industrial conglomerate, which has also been enjoying something of a re-rating recently, ahead of a big presentation next week for *fund managers* at the offices of its broker, Hoare Govett.

Hanson Trust came within a whisker of its peak yesterday after a rise of 4p to 156p as *another 14 million* shares were traded. Fund managers are hoping Lord Hanson will have some good news for them about organic growth.

There were some double-figure gains among the "big four" clearing banks ahead of the dividend reporting season which starts later this month.

National Westminster Bank, now the biggst of the high street clearers, is expected to *weigh in with record pretax* profits of more than £1 billion, compared with £804 million in 1985. The price advanced 15p to 632p as turnover *topped 3 million* shares. **Barclays Bank**, which is expected to be toppled from its number one spot, also raced 23p to 572p on turnover of about 2 million shares. Its profits should grow by less than £50 million to £900 *million.* **Midland Bank** improved 16p to 633p with analysts looking for pretax profits to rise from £351 million to £425 million, but *the gain in its rival,* **Lloyds Bank**, was restricted to just 2p at 492p.

Standard Chartered, the international bank, has been under a cloud since moves were made to send in investigators to take a look at its techniques used to fend off an unwanted £1.2 billion bid from Lloyds last year. The prices slipped 4p to 753p after a rally towards the end of last week.

Profit-taking took some of the recent gloss off the big drug companies in the wake of some spectacular rises last week. **Glaxo** tumbled 30p to *£13.23 on turnover of 1.5* million shares, having been a firm market last week after an upgrading of profits by Ms Jo Walton, analyst at L Messel, the broker.

ICI, which now derives one third of its profits from pharmaceuticals, also fell 14p to £13.61 after touching new heights last week following a meeting with Mr Stuart Wamsley, top ICI watcher at Greenwell Montagu, the broker. More than 2 million shares were traded.

But there was selective support for the likes of **Smith & Nephew**, 5p higher at 145p, and **Beecham**, 4p to 507p. **Wellcome** hit a new peak with a rise of 5p to 299p, having breached the 300p level earlier *in the session.* The shares still appear to be drawing strength from both British and overseas investors convinced the group is on to a winner with *AZT, its anti-Aids vaccine,* which is already on offer to sufferers on compassionate grounds in Britain and has been recommended in the US.

The Aids spectre has also attracted support in recent months for **London International Group**, which is expected to benefit from the increased use of condoms in order to prevent the disease being contracted.

Reuters 'B', the international news agency and financial information group, continued to scale new heights, climbing 13p to 634p ahead of full-year figures tomorrow. These are expected to make good reading and should see pretax profits climbing from £93.6 million to £130 million as the group starts to reap the benefits of its recent investment programme.

Mr John Clarke, analyst with Capel Cure-Myers, the broker, published a review of the company last week and reckons the shares are worth nearer 650p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange closed broadly higher in active trading yesterday.

The Commerzbank index *climbed 15.9 points to* 1,739.6.

Equities opened firmer, but shares in most sectors gave up their gains in the first hour of trading. Growing investor demand in the second half, however, boosted prices and helped many shares close at *their intra-day highs.*

The market was supported by the firmer dollar, which rose to a Frankfurt foreign exchange fixing rate of *DM1.8630 from DM1.8554* on Friday, and by domestic investors taking advantage of bargain prices, brokers said. In addition, few foreign sellers were seen on the scene. "The foreigners seemed to have sold everything they had to sell," one broker said. He predicted a phase of steady consolidation for the West German market.

Gains were still uneven at the end of Monday's session.

The market pacers were AEG, the electricals group, which jumped DM9.50 to DM299 and Kaufhof, the retailer, which surged DM23 to DM479. But most shares were up less than DM5.

Among automobile stocks, Daimler-Benz climbed DM10 to DM984, Bayerische Motorenwerke (BMW) gained DM9 to DM508, and Volkswagen firmed DM5.30 to DM346.30.

Bayer, the chemicals group, rose DM7.40 to DM287.40 and Hoechst advanced DM4.80 to DM251.30, but other chemicals issues were little changed.

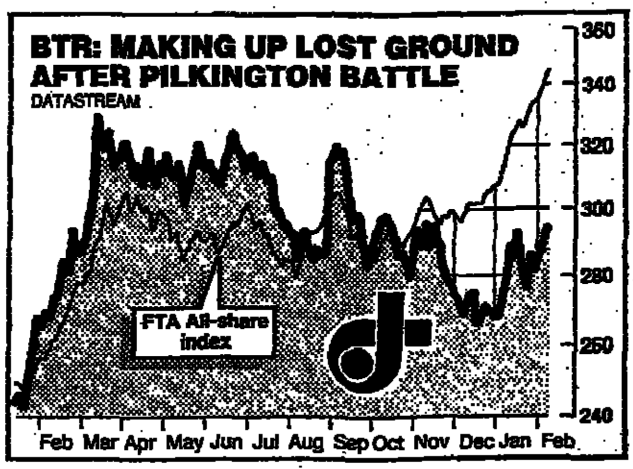
In the financial sector, Dresdner Bank rose DM6.50 to DM349.50, and Deutsche Bank was up DM5 to DM704.

● **HONG KONG:** Shares soared in heavy trading, pushing the Hang Seng index to a fourth straight record. The index was up more than 40 points in the first hour of trading and then slipped briefly at midday before rebounding in the afternoon.

Since last Monday, when trading resumed after the Chinese New Year holiday, the index has gained more than 160 points, or about 6.3 per cent. Most attention was focused on the property sector. Hang Seng index: 2,713.67 (2,673.57).

● Hopes of discovering the reason for the recent strength in Cable & Wireless shares were dispelled yesterday despite a brokers' visit to the company.. The group failed to shed any light on that or plans for the Japanese market. The *price fell 4p to 382p.*

● Lee International, lighting supplier for the TV and film industry and owner of Pinewood Studios, rose 3p to 173p after a buy circular from its own broker, Wood Mackenzie. Interim figures, due soon, should make pleasant reading.



ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	5,100	Gen Accident	756	Rank Hovis	1,700
Amstrad	8,300	GEC	17,000	Reckitt Colman	241
ASDA-MFI	12,000	Glaxo	1,700	Redland	2,800
Ass Br Foods	709	Granada	1,900	Reed Int	1,700
BET	1,800	Grand Met	2,300	Reuters	625
BTR	7,700	GUS 'A	538	RTZ	1,300
BAT	2,900	GRE	769	Rowntree	505
Barclays	2,000	GKN	2,100	Royal Ins	1,300
Bass	529	Guinness	3,200	Saatchi	1,100
Beecham	3,000	Hanson	14,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,000
Blue Circle	202	Hawker Siddeley	1,500	Scot Newell	1,300
BOC	2,300	Hillsdown	2,200	Sears	10,000
Boots	5,200	Imp Chem Ind	2,200	Sedgwick Gp	978
BPB Ind	851	Imp Cont Gas	1,800	Shell	3,300
Br Aerospace	3,000	Jaguar	2,300	Smith & Nephew	5,100
Br Gas	63,000	Ladbroke	1,600	STC	6,400
Br Petroleum	5,300	Land Securities	2,100	Stan Chart	4,800
Br Telecom	13,000	Legal & Gen	3,700	Storehouse	3,400
Britoil	6,800	Lloyds	4,200	Sun Alliance	562
Burton	7,700	Lonrho	5,500	Tarmac	2,900
Cable & Wireless	17,000	Marks & Spencer	12,000	TSB P/P	9,400
Cadbury Schwep	2,500	Midland	2,400	Tesco	1,500
Coats Viyella	2,300	Nat West	3,900	Thorn EMI	471
Com Union	4,600	P & O Dfrd	1,200	Trafalgar House	3,600
Cons Goldfields	1,100	Pearson	239	Trusthouse Forte	4,800
Cookson Gp	1,300	Pilkington Bros	2,500	Unilever	57
Courtaulds	3,700	Plessey	11,000	Utd Biscuits	3,300
Dee Corp	4,600	Prudential	964	Wellcome	5,100
Dixons Gp	2,500	Racal Elect	10,000	Whitbread 'A'	1,500
Fisons	1,000	Rank Org	2,500	Woolworth	524

£368m TV sale by News Corp

From Richard Battley
Sydney

News Corporation yesterday sold its Channel Ten television stations in Sydney and Melbourne to Westfield Capital Corporation, the investment group, in an Aus$842 million (£368 million) deal.

The value of Australian TV stations rose sharply after publication of the Federal Government's proposed new media ownership rules and last week's auction of the broadcasting assets of the Herald and Weekly Times media group. That auction was necessitated by the successful Aus$2.3 billion bid for H&WT by News Ltd, the Australian arm of News Corporation.

Analysts believe the Channel Ten stations would previously have been worth between Aus$650 and Aus$700 million.

The News Corporation sale of its electronic media assets followed alleged breaches of the Broadcasting and Television Act.

Under yesterday's agreement, WFC is also buying – or will find a buyer for – three Queensland radio stations, three metropolitan newspapers, two in Brisbane, the other in Adelaide, and Festival Records, a recording company – all owned by H&WT or News Corporation.

The sale completes a significant redrawing of Australia's media map: five of the six Sydney and Melbourne commercial television stations have been sold in the past three weeks.

The station not sold was Channel 7, Sydney, owned by the John Fairfax publishing group. Fairfax's purchase of HSV 7, Melbourne, from H&WT for Aus$320 million is encountering opposition as the new media ownership rules prohibit ownership of large newspaper and TV interests in the same city.

News Ltd now holds 75 per cent of H&WT stock. The sale of certain H&WT and News assets, mainly broadcasting, has realized almost Aus$1.5 billion for News Corporation, making the net H&WT takeover cost Aus$850 million.

News Ltd has extended the closing date of its bid to next Monday and offered brokers a 2 per cent commission on acceptances lodged this week by individuals.

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COMPANY NEWS

● **WILLIAMS CARDIFF:** The chairman says orders have substantially improved since Christmas and the foundry prospects for the year are good. Glen Metals reports that business has been abnormally slow but the company's stockholding and galvanizing activities in Cardiff are now much busier.

● **BIO-ISOLATES:** Shareholders have approved the allotment of 625,000 shares at 20p to a group of investors which include the chairman, Mr M Davis, and a non-executive director, Mr Richard Koch. The company indicated that the funds would be used for marketing and product applications. The chief executive said the company's sales for 1986 were more than twice that of 1985 and are expected to more than double again in 1987.

● **EARLYS OF WITNEY:** The company is seeking to reduce overheads and to concentrate on particular manufacturing processes to provide a sound basis for expansion. The carding, spinning, doubling and winding operations are to be closed with 55 redundancies.

● **WALTER, DUNCAN AND *GOODRICKE:*** *The company* has purchased 747 A ordinary shares and subscribed for a further 48,250 A ordinary (49 per cent) shares of Element Books for £250,000. The company has also agreed to provide Element Books with a loan facility of up to £150,000. On February 3 the company disposed of its entire holding (70.41 per cent) in Penarvon, a business information services company, for £2,041,994 of which £1,771,244 was paid on completion and £270,750 is payable in 18 months.

● **STEEL BROTHERS:** JFK Lee and JM Lunn have been appointed directors following the resignations of AP De Boer, DH Benson and KJ Morton as directors.

● ***ELECTRA INVESTMENT* TRUST:** The net average value per share for 1986, adjusted for all dilutive factors, is 207.45p (166.22p), unadjusted 217.17p (169.46p).

● **CITY & FOREIGN INVESTMENT:** The offer on behalf of MIM Investments to acquire up to 2,815,900 ordinary closed last Friday and does not remain open for acceptances. Valid acceptances have been received from holders of 1,808,453 city and foreign ordinary shares (64.2% of the shares for which the offer was made). Drayton Consolidated trust will receive 50,333 ordinary.

● **BENSON:** Results for the six months to November 30 (figs in £000). Profit before interest nil (38), interest 18 (18), loss for the period 18 (profit 20) before extraordinary items. Loss per share 37p (profit 4.2p). As a result of the acquisition of Benson Heating on December 15 future figures will be prepared on the basis of merger accounting. Had the acquisition taken place on May 31 1986 the combined profit before tax and extraordinary items for the half year would have been £340,000 on a combined turnover of £4.3 million.

● ***PLAXTONS:*** *The chairman, Mr FW Plaxton, says orders are* up on the same time last year. Privatization has reduced demand from the National Bus Company but this has been compensated by a rise in orders from private customers and the Ministry of Defence. The decline in profits in each of the past three years has been almost entirely due to the continuing contraction of the large coach market.

● **CHRISTIES INTERNATIONAL:** Mr Paul Whitfield, public relations and marketing director, has resigned *to join Bonhams.*

● **WHITTINGTON ENGINEERING:** Agreement has been reached for the company to purchase, subject to shareholders' approval, 25 per cent of Rewell, a private company which manufactures and distributes toys, games and giftware. The consideration of £250,000 cash will be satisfied *from existing resources. In the* 15 months to November 30 Rewell's turnover was £2,612,000 and profit before tax £187,000. The company has also agreed to purchase, subject to shareholders' approval, an investment property in Leeds, containing five industrial units, at £225,000.

● **TR INDUSTRIAL & GENERAL TRUST:** The company has arranged with its bankers a five-year loan facility of DM55.5 million to be used initially for investment in Ger*many or other Continental* European securities.

● **ALBERT FISHER GROUP:** Mr AB Millar, the director, has notified the company of the disposal of *185,000 ordinary* shares. He retains a beneficial interest in 3,434,241 ordinary shares.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

WALL STREET

Shares come under renewed profit-taking

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares came under renewed profit taking in early trading yesterday, extending the losses on Friday.

At one stage, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped eight points to 2,179, but recovered to 2,186.73.

Utilities and some of the Bell operating companies suffered as the bond market weakened amid speculation in some quarters that the Federal Reserve Board was modestly firming monetary policy in an effort at propping up the dollar.

But a comment by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, that there were no immediate plans to provide for a Group of Five meeting sent the dollar down and failed to provide any boost to dollar-sensitive shares.

Declines led advances by seven to four on a volume of 44 million shares.

Coca Cola Enterprises led the actives with a gain of ⅜ to 15⅞. Southwestern Bell fell 2 points to 113, while Nynex dropped ¾ to 67⅝.

	Feb 6	Feb 5		Feb 6	Feb 5		Feb 6	Feb 5
AMR Cp	58⅝	58⅝	Firestone	30⅝	29⅝	Pepsico	31½	32⅝
ASA	41½	40⅝	Fst Chicago	32⅝	32¼	Pfizer	68⅝	68⅝
Aetna Life	62⅝	61⅞	Fst Int Bncp	56⅝	55⅝	Phelps Dod	27⅝	25⅞
Allied Signal	46	46⅝	Fst Penn C	10	9¾	Philip Mor	87⅝	87⅞
Allis Chalm	2⅝	2⅝	FT Wachva	40	40	Philip Ptrl	13⅞	13⅝
Alcoa	43¾	44¼	Ford Motor	77¼	79⅝	Polaroid	80¼	80⅝
Amax Inc	16⅝	16⅝	GAF Cp	44	43½	Proct Gmble	85⅝	86
AMR Hess	29	29¾	GTE Cp	62⅝	62⅝	Pub Svc Eg	41⅞	42⅝
Am Brands	50⅝	51⅛	Gen Cp	75⅛	75	Raytheon	76⅞	77⅞
Am Can	101¾	100⅝	Gn Dynam	74⅝	74¼	Rynlds Met	50⅝	51⅛
Am Cynmd	89⅝	90	Gen Elect	99¾	101¼	Rockwell Int	56⅝	56⅝
Am Ele Pwr	30⅝	30⅝	Gen Inst	24½	24	Royal Dutch	106⅝	106⅝
Amex	67	68	Gen Mills	49	49	SFE Sopac	34⅞	35
Am Home	84⅝	85½	Gen Motors	76⅝	80	Sara Lee	42⅝	43⅝
Am Motors	3¾	3	Gen Pub Ut	26	26⅝	Schlumb	39⅝	38⅞
Am Stand	46⅝	46	Genesco	4⅝	4⅝	Scott Pap	79⅝	79⅞
Am Telph	23⅞	24⅛	Georgia Pac	47⅝	48⅝	Seagram	68	68⅝
Amoco Cp	75⅞	76⅝	Gillette	61	61	Sears Roeb	45⅝	45⅞
Armco Steel	7⅝	7¾	Goodrich	51⅛	51¼	Shell Trans	68⅝	68⅝
Asarco Inc	19⅝	19⅛	Goodyear	50⅝	49⅝	Singer	45⅝	45½
Ashland Oil	62⅞	62⅛	Gould Inc	19⅝	19⅞	Smithkln Bk	104⅝	104⅝
Atl Richfld	70⅝	70⅝	Grace Cp	54	54⅝	Sony Cp	20⅝	20⅞
Avon Prod	30⅝	30⅝	Grt Atl Pac	27⅝	27⅞	Sth Cal Edi	36⅝	36⅝
Bk Boston	30⅛	29⅝	Greyhnd	36⅝	36⅝	SW Bell	115	116⅝
Bank NY	39⅝	39⅝	Gruman	27⅝	27⅞	Std Oil	60⅝	61½
Bankamer	14	14⅝	Gulf & West	73⅞	73⅞	Sterl Drug	50⅝	50⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	49½	50	Heinz	46⅝	46	Stevens JP	43	44¼
Beth Steel	7⅝	7¾	Hercules	60⅝	59¼	Sun Cmp	61⅝	61½
Boeing	50⅛	50⅝	Hewlet Pk	53¼	54⅝	TRW Inc	112	107⅝
Boise Casc	79¼	79⅝	Honeywell	65⅝	65⅝	Teledyne	310⅝	309⅝
Borden	56⅝	56⅝	IC Ind	28⅝	28⅝	Tenneco	42⅝	43⅝
Borg Warnr	40⅛	39⅝	ITT Cp	59⅝	60¼	Texaco	38⅝	38⅝
Briar Myer	93⅛	92⅝	INCO	13⅝	14¼	Tex Eastn	35⅝	35⅝
BP	49⅜	49	Ingersoll	76¼	76⅝	Tex Inst	158⅝	159⅝
Brunswick	40⅝	40¼	Inland Steel	25¼	25⅝	Tex Util	35⅞	35⅞
Burl Ind	45⅝	45⅝	IBM	135⅝	136⅝	Textron	62⅝	62
Burl Nth	66⅝	65	Int Paper	93⅝	94⅛	Travelers	50⅝	49
CBS	147	145⅛	Irving Bk	50⅝	50⅝	UAL Inc	57⅞	55⅝
CPC Int	45¼	45⅝	Jhsn & Jhsn	78⅝	78⅝	USG	41	41⅝
Cmpbell Sp	60⅛	60⅝	K Mart Cp	52	51⅞	USX Cp	24⅞	25
Can Pacific	17	16⅞	Kaiser Alum	16⅞	16½	Unilever NV	235¼	241⅞
Caterpillar	46⅝	47⅝	Kerr McGee	32⅞	32⅝	Un Carbide	26⅝	26½
Celanese	242⅝	243	Kimbl Clark	108	108	Un Pac Cp	73⅞	72⅝
Centrl SW	36⅝	37⅝	Kroger	32⅝	32½	Unisys Cp	99⅝	98½
Champion	38	38¼	LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝	Utd Brands	48	48
Chase Man	39⅝	39⅝	Litton	81⅝	82⅞	Utd Tech	51	50⅝
Chem NY	48⅝	48¾	Lockheed	53⅞	55	Unocal	32⅝	32⅝
Chevron	54¼	54⅝	Lucky Str	27¼	27⅝	Walter Jim	53	53⅝
Chrysler	47⅝	50⅝	Man Hnver	47⅞	47½	Warn Lamb	68	68½
Citicorp	56⅛	56⅝	Manville	2	1⅞	Wells Far	53	53
Clark Eq	25	23⅞	Mapco	59⅝	59⅝	Westg El	61⅝	62
Coca Cola	42	42⅛	Marine Mid	52	51⅞	Weyerhsr	47⅝	48⅝
Colgate	45⅝	45⅝	Mt Marietta	44	43¼	Whirlpool	36⅝	38⅝
Columb Gas	48⅞	49⅝	Masco	36⅝	35⅞	Woolworth	44⅝	45
Cmb'tn Eng	39	39⅝	Mcdonalds	71½	71¼	Xerox Cp	68⅝	67¾
Cmwlth Edi	36⅝	36⅝	McDonnell	75¾	75¼	Zenith	22⅝	22⅝
Cons Edis	49⅝	50	Mead Cp	68⅝	70⅝			
Cn Nat Gas	37	37⅝	Merck	136¼	137			
Cons Pwr	16⅝	17¼	Minsta Mng	129	129			
Cont Data	28⅝	26⅝	Mobil	46	45⅝			
Corning Gl	57	57	Monsanto	80⅝	80⅝			
Crane	42⅝	41¼	Morgan Jp	46⅝	47⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	56⅝	56⅝	Motorola	48⅞	49¼			
Data Genl	35⅞	35¾	NCR	59⅝	59⅝			
Deere Cp	26	26	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅝			
Delta Air	61⅝	59⅝	Nat Distill	58⅝	58			
Detroit Edi	18⅛	18⅛	Nat Med Ent	24¼	24½			
Digital Eq	152⅝	150⅝	Nat Semi	14⅝	14⅞			
Disney	56	57⅝	Norfolk Sth	93⅞	94			
Dow Chem	74⅝	73½	NW Bancrp	41	40⅝			
Dressr Ind	26⅞	26⅝	Occid Pet	33⅝	33⅝			
Dupont	101⅝	100⅝	Ogden Cp	51⅝	51⅝			
Duke Pwr	50⅛	50⅝	Olin Cp	47⅞	49¼			
East Kodak	75⅝	78¼	Owens Ill	60⅝	60⅞			
Eaton Cp	80⅝	81⅝	PPG Ind	87⅞	87⅞			
Emerson El	101⅞	103⅝	Pac Gas El	26½	26⅝			
Emery Air	12	11⅝	Pan Am	5⅝	5⅝			
Exxon	84	84½	Penney JC	82⅝	81⅝			
Fed Dpt Sts	85⅝	86½	Pennzoil	74¼	74⅞			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	28⅝	29
Alcn Alum	47⅝	47⅞
Algoma Stl	10¼	10⅞
Can Pacific	22⅝	22⅛
Cominco	16⅝	17⅝
Con Bathrst	34	34⅞
Hkr Sid Can	28⅝	25½
Hdsn B Min	25⅞	25
Imasco	34⅝	34¼
Imperial Oil	60	59⅝
In Pipe	48⅝	47
Ryl Trustco	32⅝	32⅛
Seagram	90⅝	91½
Steel Co	23⅞	22⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	32	32
Varity Corp	3.35	3.45
WCT	14⅝	14⅞
Weston	35⅞	35½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Topping Halpern

Ralph Halpern, the hyperactive boss of Burton Group, has, it seems, been falsely awarded the title of Britain's highest-paid executive. Halpern's salary rose 85 per cent last year to a gross £1,004,000, with BOC's Richard Giordano generally accepted as the runner-up on the salary league table with a pay packet of £772,800. But tucked away in the dark and secretive corridors of the Lloyd's insurance market is a little-known firm called Walsham Brothers, whose chairman Bill Brown earned no less than £1,268,000 in 1985 and a conservatively estimated £1,500,000 in 1986. Walsham has grown from a small family firm 10 years ago – owned by the Brown family – into one of the top ten Lloyd's insurance brokers with profits in 1985 of £16.5 million. But because it is still privately-owned precise salary details for last year are not yet available from Companies House. "Salaries at Lloyd's have always been higher than the rest of industry, it's just that they get overlooked," says Peter Anderson of Financial Intelligence & Research. "It's simply that they're more in line with the City."

"Don't tell me — let me guess. Insider dealing"

Inside story

Red faces at Henderson Administration following the disqualification of one of its investment directors from a share-buying competition in *Business* magazine for "theoretical insider trading." During the course of the 12-month competition Hugh Priestley made more money than any of the other six contestants, but the magazine disqualified him for hypothetically buying 10,000 Authority Investment shares in June last year, just three days before a company backed by Henderson made an agreed bid for Authority. The shares jumped from 130p to 480p, making Priestley a hypothetical profit of £35,000. Priestley is reluctant to talk about his hypothetical charge. "The matter is being dealt with by our compliance officer," he says. I wonder if he realises he could now face a hypothetical seven years inside.

● Nick Evans, a young market maker at Phillips & Drew, is the envy of his male colleagues after being voted the 1987 "Rear of the Year" by the firm's female employees. Evans, who is said to be "shyly pleased" at his enforced stardom, attracted 69 of the 90 or so votes. Coming a poor second was Frenchman Richard Le Vieux. "We're trying to inject a bit of life into the old firm," giggled one female broker.

Confessions

Barrister Martin Harty obviously enjoys a job with a challenge. On Friday he handed in his notice as chief compliance officer at whiter-than-white stockbroker Phillips & Drew to join, in three months time, the ranks of Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank. He will be the first full-time compliance officer — a job described by some in the City as a father-confessor figure — ever employed by Laing's. "I will also be joining the board of Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank Holdings, so they obviously mean business," says Harty, aged 34. "It certainly will be an immense challenge."

Private eyes

More invisible exports from the privatization programme. John Redwood, of Rothschild, former head of the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, is to lead a team, with Colin Dunn, of Coopers & Lybrand, to advise the New Zealand Treasury on valuing the telecom side of the kiwi Post Office. Rothschild is already involved in Turkey's privatization programme and has successfully floated Jamaica's largest commercial bank. Close links with the world's first lady of privatization are clearly a valuable asset.

Carol Leonard

IN THE MARKET

The dollar's reserve status under threat

INTERNATIONAL BANKING

International assets of banks of BIS reporting countries by nationality of ownership

Parent country of bank	September 1984 US$ bn	September 1984 % of assets	September 1986 US$ bn	September 1986 % of assets
France	194.5	8.7	264.5	8.2
Germany	139.4	6.2	250.5	7.8
Japan	519.8	23.2	1,019.4	31.6
United Kingdom	178.7	8.0	213.1	6.6
United States	587.2	26.3	601.2	18.6
Others	616.3	27.6	880.2	27.2
Total	2,235.9	100.0	3,228.9	100.0

The dollar is within 5 yen of a radical change in identity. Traders, who fight shy of apocalyptic judgements excluding their own, would dispute this, arguing that the US currency has shown impressive resilience over the past few market sessions. At Y154, the dollar is off the lows, they cry. But for historians of the dollar, Y150 looks like a rock-bottom support level.

Should the US currency fall through this resistance point, it could ski-jump into free-fall, landing somewhere eventually on the lower slopes but with its Reserve Currency status in danger. The yen is waiting in the wings to assume this awesome role, at least in the Pacific Basin trading area.

De facto, the Japanese currency now fulfils nearly all the criteria for Reserve Currency status. This century has seen both sterling and the dollar shoulder the mantle — and both have suffered in the process.

One country plays Banker to the rest. The Banker allows his currency to be freely traded as a third party means of exchange between countries settling their inter-trade accounts. Because countries settle accounts in sterling or dollars, it makes sense for them to hold reserves, effectively a country's savings, in either New York or London. The Banker runs a current account deficit, living beyond his means, but borrowing at cheaper rates from creditor countries because capital inflows bid down rates.

According to the classic definition, the dollar will remain a Reserve Currency indefinitely. The US is just too large for its currency to be dislodged from a king-pin role. But using a more dynamic conceptual approach, the dollar clearly fails to function properly in a number of key areas. Fundamental monetarism supplies the gauge. Like any other form of money, a Reserve Currency needs to fulfil three conditions: unit of account; transactional; and store of value.

The dollar is still a unit of account. Gold, oil and other commodities are still priced in dollars. But the US monetary authorities' bid to have their cake and eat it, by depreciating the dollar while still selling huge chunks of US Treasury debt, makes it highly unlikely the dollar can continue to satisfy all three functions simultaneously.

On this level, the US trade deficit is just an excess of the transactional function. To redress the balance, the dollar needs to fall, jeopardizing the store of value function because the rate of inflation picks up.

Paul Volcker's speech to Congress went to the root by touching on the implicit support factors for Reserve Currency status, namely economic might and diversification. The chairman of the Federal Reserve stated the US needed to curb deficits, even if it meant tolerating lower growth rates and higher unemployment. These are the words of a central banker stretched beyond the limit. Tighter fiscal policies mean the US cannot grow as quickly as its neighbours. Shades of the United Kingdom in the mid-Fifties!

The key factor supporting Reserve Currency status looks to be both a trading empire and a highly developed financial system. The dove-tailing of the two provides vital support for the currency. Client economies swap raw materials for finished goods, depositing the proceeds back in London or New York.

The inflow of financial resources exercises the essential constraint on abuse of Reserve Currency status. Spending to excess would have the domestic savings industry up in arms – as it did in the mid-Seventies in the United Kingdom, when the Sterling Area still existed.

Mr Volcker must be close to despair as he surveys the damage of the Reagan years. The US banking system is rocking, and the investment empire is in ruins (the US is a net debtor to the overseas sector). The Fed is fast losing face as the monetary overshoots continue. The store of value concept for the dollar, questionable anyway since the link with gold snapped in 1971, is under increasing pressure, after the mid-Eighties' massive depreciation. Alternative currency blocs like the European Monetary System are growing stronger.

Mr Volcker's gambit must be to play for time and absorb pressure from the New York investment houses for a rate cut that will gee up the bonds after the February auctions. Privately, however, he must acknowledge that the Japanese now hold nearly all the cards.

The yen is a constantly appreciating currency. Tokyo is a massive financial centre. The Japanese current account surplus was nearly $90 billion (£58.8 billion) last year. The inspired direction of Japanese current account surpluses towards investment in South America, Mexico and Canada looks like a three-pronged bid to tow the Americas forcibly within the Tokyo sphere of influence.

Finally, the ultimate dynamic of change in this context, the Japanese banking system, is cranking along at an amazing rate. The Japanese are now the largest takers and lenders of funds in the world, as the Bank of International Settlements table makes clear.

One section in the BIS report is seminal: "A growing part of Japanese credit flows have been diverted from the more regulated domestic market to the international markets, thus increasing the use of the yen in international financial transactions...The international activities of the Japanese banks have continued to expand...".

A likely move by the Japanese will be to encourage resource-financing in yen. Talks are reportedly taking place with Kuwait, and other oil suppliers to Japan, to this end. Conceivably, Tokyo might sanction the switch to a heavy yen to boost the appearance of the currency.

The impact of any move to use the yen as a unit of account is dramatic, since it more or less obliges trading partners to switch funds out of New York and dollars into Tokyo and yen. The long-run shift out of dollars would rise. The dynamics of Reserve Currency status thus work in favour of the Japanese, whereas a financially enfeebled US finds that the burden of dollar hegemony creates policy confusion.

In the long term, the stage may be set for a transfer of power, but the actual handover would be messy. The US enjoys its dominant role. A compromise is most likely, whereby both currencies share the role. That would make three Reserve Currencies. Karl-Otto Poehl, Bundesbank president, has made no secret of his view that the mark will be obliged in future to assume a similar status: that would make four.

As Gertrude Stein's grandmother once said, the pockets change, the money stays the same.

Christopher Dunn

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Another £3 billion for Budget tax cuts?

With the equity market in such bouyant mood it is hardly surprising that brokers and investment analysts are loking for — and, of course, finding — reasons why current values are "soundly based" and the end of the bull market not yet in sight. Their first resort is to company earnings and dividends, their second to international comparisons of price/earnings ratios and other conventional measures.

Thus a Reuters roundup of informed if not disinterested pundits finds brokers Phillips & Drew expecting corporate earnings this year to rise by 15 per cent and dividends to improve by 10-12 per cent, forecasts which, if borne out, would continue last year's upward trend. Better still, according to Warburg Securities, the prospective earnings multiple of about 13 compares with 17 for US shares, 18.5 for West German, and 45-50 for Japanese.

Other things being equal, these figures would suggest that the Americans, Germans and Japanese are missing wonderful bargains in UK stocks. But there are reservations, notably the possibility, faint though it may be, that the next Government might not be Conservative.

The City is trying its best for the cause by emphasising the revitalizing of the economy, which is now expanding at the pace of the industrial leaders. The oil price is a conundrum — it could go either way — but no one is so pessimistic that he does not expect a tax-cutting Budget on March 17.

To that end, I commend the Budget arithmetic of Peter Spencer, ex-Treasury, and Giles Keating, ex-London Business School, in a Credit Suisse First Boston paper. I commend it especially to Roy Hattersley, who seems to cling to the old-fashioned opinion that the best and perhaps the only way to raise revenues for the Government to spend is to jack up tax rates.

The Spencer-Keating figuring indicates a major triumph for Nigel Lawson's 1984 reform of corporate taxation. He initiated in his Budget that year a phased reduction in the corporation tax rate from 50 per cent to the now current rate of 35 per cent, and at the same time removed first-year capital allowances and abolished the stock relief scheme. Companies would pay lower rates but on a higher poportion of their earnings. In revenue terms, the result was meant to be neutral. In the event it is turning out to be an Exchequer bonanza, at no real pain to companies shorn of their old tax shelters.

Mainstream corporation tax revenues have doubled from £3 billion in 1984-85 to more than £6 billion in 1986-87. The main reason for that is that more companies are now paying tax. Furthermore, corporation tax will rise in 1987-88, by at least 13 per cent, and because of the delay in tax payments, again in 1988-89.

Spencer and Keating believe that the Chancellor has at least £3 billion more to play with come March 17 than the £2-£3 billion generally accepted as the prudent figure. If they are right, and they cannot be far wrong, Mr Lawson would be justified in following the American example of using rising company tax revenues to reduce the taxes paid by people.

Virtues and vices

Wider share ownership, from being a fringe enthusiasm, has marched to a prominent position on the political stage. Britain is now up with the leaders internationally with 17 per cent of the adult population holding shares at the last count, compared with less than 10 per cent in the 1970s. In the US, the proportion is slightly higher at 19 per cent, but this figure also includes mutual funds (unit trusts), which the British figures do not. Only Japan is clearly ahead with 26 per cent, though the level is falling.

Given the importance which the Government now attaches to spreading the share-owning habit, there is remarkably little evidence or even theory as to exactly what effects this big social and economic change may have. In a partisan vein, ministers calculate that the more voters holding Telecom, Gas and now BA shares, the higher the level of support for the Conservatives in view of Labour's renationalization plans. More generally, wider share ownership, like wider home ownership, is thought to increase virtues like responsibility, and enterprise. But these things are difficult to measure.

Professor Paul Grout, of Bristol University, speaking at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, suggested two more specific economic effects of wider share ownership. First, it could raise the savings rate, perhaps doing something to dampen the present consumer boom. The potential share owner has to overcome the initial hurdle of learning how to deal, who to talk to and how to handle the documentation. Once he has climbed up this learning curve, the "marginal cost" of doing further share deals falls and some of the new investment will be at the expense of consumption.

The other effect is on the companies. Personal shareholders tend to be less active shareholders. If short-termism is a vice in the City, as ministers have been telling us, then wider share ownership is a virtue because individuals are likely to take a longer term view and will be less inclined to accept the first takeover offer

This thesis needs further substantiation.

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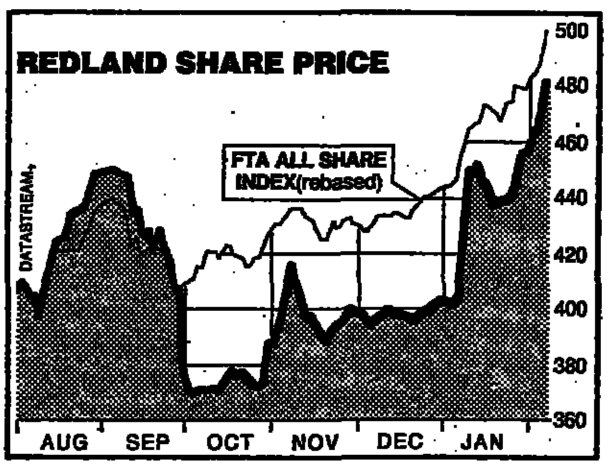
Excitement is missing in Redland love affair



In the light of the City's long love affair with Redland, it comes as something of a surprise to learn that the company's shares have only just kept pace with the market.

Since the beginning of 1984, they have performed exactly in line with the FT-All Share index except for a short hiccup last October after the rights issue.

Over the past decade, growth has been steady rather than spectacular. Pretax profits have risen by 15 per cent a year and earnings per share by 12 per cent.

The next two years promise more of the same. Pretax profits for the year to next month are likely to increase by 15 per cent to £130 million, while earnings per share should be up 13 per cent to 36p. In the following year, pretax profits are likely to rise further to £165 million to give an earnings increase of 8.3 per cent to 39p.

With the exception of Australia, all Redland's operations seem to have done well in 1986-7. The prosperity in the South of England has resulted in a housing boom and significant road building with buoyant demand for Redland building materials.

After the downturn in 1985, there have been signs of an increase in activity in Germany, especially in the second half of 1986. Demand for Redland products has been strengthening due to a revival in housebuilding, while profits in sterling terms have benefited from the mark's strength.

Strong demand for Redland products is expected to continue in 1987-8 and there will be added benefits from the recent expansion in the United States.

While this is not the time to be selling the building companies, Redland's prospective multiple of 13.8 makes it difficult to recommend aggressive buying.

The top management will be having a series of half-hour meetings with stockbrokers' analysts today, so short-term interest in the shares is expected to be keen. For the long term, it remains a core holding.

Pentland Ind

Rumours that demand for Reebok shoes, the Yuppies' favourite, is peaking are premature — and that is official.

Reebok, the American sports shoe supplier, reported yesterday that its backlog of orders at the beginning of this year reached a record $445 million (£292 million) — 37 per cent ahead of last year. Demand for immediate delivery is also high, as retailers have found themselves short of stocks.

This is the stuff of bull markets and shares in Pentland Industries, which owns 37 per cent of Reebok, jumped 14p to 566p on the news.

Reebok has already reported its December 1986 figures. Its contribution to Pentland's 1986 earnings per share will be 36.26p, two-and-a-half times the 1985 contribution.

Where Reebok has scored over its competitors is in its ability to give the market with what it wants. It does this by the age-old method of devoting time and effort to researching its market.

The aerobic shoe, which formed the basis of Reebok's first success in 1984, enabled it to capture 70 per cent of this market. Last year, aerobic shoe sales were still growing, but they accounted for only 30 per cent of Reebok's sales, compared with well over 50 per cent in 1984.

Reebok has moved successfully into new areas, such as childrens' shoes, clothing and basketball shoes. Reebok's basketball shoe sales last year raced ahead to $72 million from a turnover of less than $1 million in 1985, to give it third position in the market behind Nike and Converse.

This and a steady performance from Pentland's other activities is encouraging analysts to think about upgrading their 1986 profit forecasts, but the weakness of the dollar towards the end of the year should engender some caution.

Nevertheless, pretax profits of £75 million are in prospect, rising to £90 million in the year to December 1987.

The prospective 1986 multiple is 12.6, falling to 10.3 in 1987. There is plenty of steam left in Reebok, while the group could make a significant acquisition if the right target comes along. The shares should run and run.

Hillards

No one was surprised yesterday when Hillards, the northern supermarket chain, asked its shareholders to dig into their pockets for more cash.

If there was any element of surprise in the terms of the cash call, it was that Hillards was asking for just £14.7 million — scarcely enough to build two supermarkets these days.

The company has fought pluckily to remain independent and compete with the giants of the business. But taking on the big battalions such as Sainsbury, Asda and Tesco in their relentless pursuit of growth is a far cry from operating a corner store and the impression remains that Hillards has been running in order to stand still.

The expansion programme — three new stores a year — coupled with an essential refurbishment plan to improve the facilities in some of the existing stores, has been imposing an increasing strain on the balance sheet with borrowings at the last count standing at £20.7 million.

The new funds will bring gearing down from about 60 per cent to 20 per cent but rivalry to buy and develop sites is driving up the cost of additional stores and Hillards could well experience a further bout of financial stress within the next couple of years.

However, the company has been making strenuous efforts to improve its profit margins, abandoning poorly performing lines, and introducing more groceries and health foods and extending its own-label lines. These benefits, with profits generated from the new stores, should flow through strongly in the future.

The shares are no longer buoyed by bid hopes — they reached 250p — and yesterday's announcement saw them unchanged at 181p. The company has a sound record and safe, if unexciting, prospects.

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Do Accum	114.4	121.2	+0.8	0.88
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	30.4	32.1c	+0.4	0.53
Do Accum	50.4	53.2c	+0.9	0.53
Worldwide Tech Inc	43.4	45.8	+0.8	0.99
Do Accum	43.7	46.1	+0.7	0.99
KB High Yield Inc	149.4	157.6	+1.5	4.84
Do Accum	249.8	263.5	+0.1	4.89

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Financial	148.9	157.1c	+0.9	2.27
Smaller Co's Acc	258.4	264.0	-0.6	
Do Income	171.3	181.3	-0.4	0.90
High Income	76.2	81.5	+1.8	5.01
Income	86.6	92.8	+1.6	4.17
Man Portfolio Inc	75.6	80.9●	+1.8	2.48
Do Acc	128.4	137.3●	+3.0	
North American	63.3	67.7	+1.1	1.31
Orient	89.5	95.7	+0.8	0.23

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	56.5	60.1	+0.8	2.50
General Inc (4)	254.9	266.2	+1.5	2.08
Do Accum (4)	410.8	428.7	+2.3	2.08
Income Fund (3)	115.2	120.6	+2.5	4.29
Do Accum (3)	205.9	215.4	+4.4	4.29
Intl Inc (2)	145.0	150.7	+4.1	1.83
Do Accum (2)	192.9	200.5	+5.5	1.83
Smaller Inc (5)	70.7	75.0s	+0.8	2.07
Do Accum (5)	76.0	80.6s	+0.9	2.07

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	89.1	94.6	-3.6	0.53

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Growth	323.9	342.6	+8.4	2.76
Income	371.6	393.2	+8.6	4.31
Far East	247.9	267.3	+5.9	0.24
North American	167.6	179.4	+7.2	0.51
Global	55.4	58.5	+1.7	0.77

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Inv Fund	449.2		+30.3	4.16
Fixed Int	136.75		+2.95	10.37
Deposit	100.0		.	10.65

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	58.2	61.5	+1.1	0.80

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income	417.71		+29.95	4.67
Accum	£12.2518		+0.858	..
Deposit	100.0			10.65

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Growth	27.7	29.4	+1.7	1.90
Equity High Income	49.7	52.6	+1.7	3.90
European Growth	30.9	32.8	-0.8	2.00
General Equity	44.5	47.1	+1.8	2.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.6	31.2	+0.4	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.3	25.8	+0.3	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	26.2	27.8	+0.2	5.00
Japan Growth	34.8	36.9	-1.0	0.90
Pedigree Gth	27.4	29.1	+1.0	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	51.7	55.3	+3.4	3.17
Do Accum	51.7	55.3	+2.9	3.17
Income Inc	51.4	55.0	+2.7	4.54
Do Accum	51.4	55.0	+2.7	4.54
Worldwide Inc	50.1	53.6	+1.7	1.85
Do Accum	50.1	53.6	+1.7	1.85

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Energy Trust	53.8	56.9c	+2.5	3.69
Extra Income	187.9	199.9●	+4.6	4.72
Financial	190.2	201.3●	+2.0	2.01
Gilt Strategy	57.7	59.5	+0.6	2.04
Growth Investment	327.4	348.5●	+13.2	2.19
Income & Growth	47.3	50.0●	+1.4	3.95
Japanese Growth	213.9	226.4	-8.8	0.55
Nth Amer Growth	112.9	119.4	+5.4	1.04
Intl Recovery	126.0	133.3●	+3.6	1.79
Smaller Co's	248.5	263.0	+3.1	2.13
Global Inc Tst	63.4	67.1	+0.8	5.14
Special Sits Acc	322.4	341.2	+8.6	1.22

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
High Income Trust	277.6	295.3	+0.7	4.43
Growth Trust	253.8	270.0●	+2.0	2.87
American Trust	138.5	147.3●	+3.7	0.66

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737 42424

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Income	55.1	58.7●	+2.2	4.72
UK Growth Accum	60.1	64.0●	+2.8	2.41
Do Dist	60.1	64.0●	+2.8	2.41
European Growth	62.0	66.0	-1.2	1.66
Pacific Growth	58.6	63.5	+0.5	0.61

EPM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American Fund	75.9	80.8	+2.0	1.24
Capital Fund	117.2	124.8	+0.7	1.36
Growth & Inc Fund	149.8	159.5●	+3.7	3.92
High Dist Fund	127.9	136.2	+2.1	4.96
International Fund	224.7	239.3	+3.0	0.94
Resources Fund	28.5	30.3	+1.6	0.33
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	33.1	35.2	..	..
Tokyo Fund	180.3	192.0	-3.8	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	150.8	154.9	+3.2	1.83
(Ex) Japan (3)	115.8	119.0	+0.3	0.17
(Ex) Pacific (4)	334.6	343.6	.	0.27
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	196.3	201.7	..	0.10
Eurofund	27.8	29.5●	-0.4	3.38

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Balanced Inc	80.8	85.7	+3.3	2.76
Do Accum	82.8	87.8	+3.4	2.70
UK Growth Accum	104.1	110.4	+4.0	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	78.2	83.0	+1.5	4.21
N American Accum	78.8	84.1	+3.7	0.64
Far Eastern Accum	115.2	122.9	+0.3	0.83
European Accum	88.6	95.6	-1.6	1.20
UK Gilt & FI Inc	53.6	56.9	+0.7	8.61
Do Accum	57.1	60.6	+0.8	8.09

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Endurance	120.6	128.3	+1.0	2.78

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equitable Pelican	86.8	92.4	+2.9	3.07
High Income Trust	86.0	91.5	+2.8	4.91
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.8	54.1●	+0.4	8.47
Tst Of Inv Trusts	79.8	84.9●	+0.5	1.71
Special Sits Trust	87.0	92.6	+2.2	2.22
Nth Amer Trust	65.7	69.9	+2.3	1.52
Far Eastern Trust	103.7	110.4	+1.2	0.41
Intl Growth	58.6	62.4●	+0.9	1.08

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	171.5	182.4	+6.8	2.79
Do Income	147.0	156.3	+5.9	2.79
Higher Inc Accum	291.4	309.9	+8.3	3.93
Do Income	230.2	244.8	+7.3	3.93
Gilts/Fixed Accum	100.6	105.8	+1.3	8.54
Do Income	83.3	87.6	+1.1	8.54
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.1	160.7	+8.8	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	177.8	189.1	+0.2	0.29
Euro Tst Accum	160.1	170.3	-4.8	0.72
General Trust	272.6	290.0	+11.8	2.92

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
US Smaller Co's	77.7	82.7	+3.6	0.19
Capital Fund	122.9	130.8	+2.3	0.19
UK Income Fund	85.6	91.1	+2.8	4.31
Far Eastern Fund	76.5	81.4	+0.7	0.00
Overseas Income	76.6	81.5	+1.6	8.35
Fixed Interest	57.9	61.7	+0.7	10.38
Natural Res Fund	56.9	60.6	+2.0	2.85
European Income	84.8	90.3●	-1.3	2.81
Financials Fund	52.9	56.3	+0.5	2.66

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Balanced Gth Inc	51.3	54.6	+1.9	1.40
Do Accum	52.4	55.7	+1.8	..
Income Gth Inc	45.9	48.8	+1.6	6.30
Do Accum	49.2	52.3	+1.7	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Service Co's Inc	57.81	61.50	+2.81	1.00
Do Accum	58.8	62.5	+3.0	..
Higher Inc	25.2	26.8	+0.5	7.00
Do acc	25.2	26.8	+0.6	

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American	116.9	124.4	+4.4	0.60
Amer Equity Income	36.4	38.8●	+1.1	3.94
Amer Special Sits	57.2	60.8	+2.7	0.08
Australia	37.0	39.2	+2.5	2.99
European	49.3	52.2	-0.3	0.00
Far East Inc	38.1	40.4	+0.7	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.0		..	9.91
Growth & Income	109.4	116.4	+2.2	4.10
Japan Special Sits	45.6	48.7●	-0.1	
Japan	152.8	163.0	+1.2	..
Managed Intl	162.7	182.5	+3.2	0.21
Max Income Equity	94.9	101.0	+0.5	4.61
Professional Gilt	37.5	40.2	-0.4	2.06
South East Asia	45.6	48.6	+2.2	0.02
Special Sits	195.4	207.9	+3.7	0.25

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American Exempt	£392.5	399.4	+12.80	0.98
Japan Exempt	£481.1	490.6	+11.81	0.73
Am Property Tst	$10000.0			6.00
Property Trust	£2023.0			5.80

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	229.1	242.4	+13.6	
Do Accum	234.1	247.7	+14.1	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	225.4	238.5	+16.1	1.18
Do Accum	233.9	247.5	+17.0	1.18
Capital Tst Inc	237.8	251.6	+3.1	1.99
Do Accum	289.7	306.5	+3.8	1.99
Conv & Gilt Inc	96.0	101.4	+1.8	4.98
Do Accum	130.4	137.9	+2.3	4.98
Extra Inc Tst Inc	189.7	200.7●	+3.0	4.02
Do Accum	208.4	220.5●	+3.4	4.02
Income Trust	139.9	148.0	+2.4	3.57
Do Accum	149.8	158.5	+2.8	3.57
Intl Growth Fd Inc	178.7	189.0	+7.8	
Do Accum	198.3	209.8	+8.4	..
Japan & Gen Inc	98.1	103.8	+1.0	0.07
Do Accum	99.1	104.8	+1.0	0.07
Monthly Inc Fd	97.3	102.9●	+1.2	4.36
Recovery	173.2	183.2●	+11.7	1.29
Do Accum	189.0	199.9●	+13.0	1.29
European Inc	67.3	71.2	-2.2	0.81
Do Accum	67.3	71.2	-2.2	0.81
Financial Inc	53.3	56.3	+0.9	1.00
Do Accum	53.3	56.3	+0.9	1.00

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
FP Equity Dist	227.9	241.9	+9.1	2.42
Do Accum	383.9	407.5	+15.4	2.42
FP Fixed Int Dist	111.3	118.4	+1.8	6.07
Do Accum	131.5	136.8	+2.2	6.07
Stewardship Dist	197.1	209.2	+7.3	1.50
Do Accum	205.2	217.8	+7.8	1.50
FP North American	135.4	141.4●	+6.5	1.09
FP Pacific Basin	178.7	189.4●	-1.0	0.36

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Special Sits	70.5	75.1	+3.6	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	117.5	125.0●	+1.7	2.40
Do Accum	170.1	181.0●	+3.7	2.30
Income Fund	86.5	92.1	+1.8	5.48
Pension Exempt	203.9	212.4●	+1.5	1.50
International	184.1	195.9	+2.9	0.80
US & General	57.1	60.8	+2.0	0.80
Tech & Growth	70.5	75.1	+3.6	0.50
Japan & General	253.5	269.7	+0.4	0.10
Far East & Gen	129.2	137.5	+1.7	0.10
European Fund	273.0	280.5	-4.9	0.30
Germany Fund	67.2	71.5	-2.3	0.90
Intl Inc Fund	52.8	56.2	+0.3	4.40

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American Trust	93.1	98.6	+2.9	0.70
Australian Trust	29.7	31.5	+2.3	0.13
British Tst Accum	73.0	77.3	+2.2	1.24
Do Dist	62.8	66.5●	+1.9	1.24
Commodity Share	75.9	80.3	+1.5	1.50
European Trust	55.3	58.6c	-1.4	0.60
Extra Income Trust	56.4	59.7	+1.6	4.87
Far Eastern Trust	154.3	163.3	+2.3	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	26.1	27.7●	+0.4	9.58
Intl Fixed Int Tst	25.1	26.6	+0.3	9.30
Global Fund Accum	193.8	205.1	+2.2	0.00
Do Dist	184.1	194.9	+2.1	0.00
Gold Share Trust	17.3	18.4	+0.4	1.18
Hedged American	36.0	38.2	+0.5	0.60
High Income Trust	158.6	167.9●	+2.9	5.37
Hong Kong Trust	40.6	43.0c	+3.0	1.20
Income Fund	88.9	94.1●	+2.4	3.13
Insurance Agencies	£56.21	57.39	..	1.81
Japan Trust	138.0	146.4	-2.3	0.00
Managed Exempt	288.8	300.9	+8.0	1.99
Oil & Energy Trust	39.1	41.3●	+1.7	2.70
Special Sits Trust	114.7	121.4	+2.4	0.71
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	85.2	90.2	+1.0	1.20
Cheltenham UK				
Frontier Mids				

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Intl Growth	93.8	99.7	+1.8	1.06
American Growth	71.1	75.6	+1.3	0.83
American Inc	76.6	81.4	+1.4	4.17
European Growth	238.4	253.6	-5.0	0.23
Gold & Minerals	52.5	55.8	+0.6	0.67
Japan Growth	155.5	165.4	-3.0	

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	118.2	122.9	+4.2	9.09
Growth Equity	228.9	240.2	+5.9	1.87
Guardhill	317.0	328.4c	+10.0	2.51
N American	159.1	169.4	+8.1	1.25
Pacific	273.4	289.4	+1.2	0.06
Property Share	312.3	330.5●	+8.4	1.20
Smaller Companies	238.5	252.5	+3.4	1.54
European Trust	271.4	287.3	-3.7	0.98

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
High Income	56.5	60.0●	+1.2	5.52
N Amer Trust	123.1	131.0	+4.2	0.66
Recovery	254.9	271.2	+2.8	1.77
Gilt Trust	37.5	38.8●	+0.9	9.33
St Vincent Inc	94.8	97.8c	+0.8	4.80
St Vincent US Gth	79.7	83.1c	+3.0	0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	209.5	221.0	+20.53	3.08
Euro Gth Tst	49.1	52.1	-0.5	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Hambros Smlr Co's	154.1	163.5●	+2.7	1.58
Hambros N Amer	72.2	76.6	+3.2	0.85
Hambros Jap & F E	133.5	141.6	+1.5	0.42
Hambros Scandvn	79.8	84.7	+1.5	0.91
Hambros European	104.3	110.7	-3.2	0.83
Hambros Canadian	54.8	58.1	+2.2	1.12
Hambros Equity Inc	98.3	104.3	+2.6	4.51
Hambros High Inc	68.2	72.4	+1.5	4.83
Hambros Res Assets	68.9	73.1●	+2.5	1.74
Hambros Intl Sits	59.6	63.2	+1.2	0.78

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex
0277 217238

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Recovery Tst	116.1	124.2	+4.4	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	55.0	58.8	+2.3	0.22
Australian	87.5	92.8	+3.7	1.83

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital Growth Inc	65.7	69.9	+0.6	1.44
Do Accum	76.4	81.3	+0.8	1.44
European	266.5	265.6	-8.1	0.97
Euro Inc Tst	49.8	52.2	-0.4	3.95
Euro Smaller Co's	110.8	117.9	-1.2	0.59
Extra Income	192.1	204.4	-2.4	3.88
Financial Trust	173.8	184.9	+1.4	2.28
Fixed Interest Tst	53.5	56.7	-1.9	9.80
Gilt Trust	41.4	43.9●	-1.0	9.61
Global Healthcare	78.0	83.1	-0.9	0.01
Global Resources	95.4	101.6●	+0.4	0.64
Global Tech	121.9	129.8	+2.8	0.41
Global Inc & Gth	64.9	69.0●	+1.8	5.00
Gold	67.5	72.2	+0.5	2.15
High Income Tst	214.8	228.5●	+5.8	4.18
Hong Kong	73.2	77.9	+4.9	0.99
Income & Growth Inc	168.0	178.7	+6.1	2.99
Do Accum	332.9	354.2	+12.0	2.99
Income Assets	127.3	135.4	+4.0	3.87
International	193.2	205.5	+4.3	0.77
Japan Special Sits	182.0	194.7	-8.5	0.04
Japan Tst	174.2	186.4●	-8.3	0.01
North American	154.1	164.8●	+5.0	0.52
Pacific Smaller Co's	84.5	90.0	+3.1	1.11
Pref & Gilt	47.5	50.8	-2.8	9.81
Recovery Tst	119.3	126.9c		2.45
Singapore & Malay	37.1	39.5●	+1.0	0.91
Smaller Co's Div	137.0	145.7●	+1.5	4.11
Special Sits Inc	158.0	168.0	-0.4	0.82
Do Accum	219.9	233.9	-0.6	0.82
Worldwide	424.7	447.0	+4.8	2.38
Euro Exempt	130.5	137.4	-6.0	2.19
Global Tech Exempt	97.4	102.5	+3.6	1.04
High Income Exempt	140.0	147.5	+3.2	4.64
Japan Exempt	182.3	191.9●	-3.6	0.21
N Amer Exempt	93.9	98.8	+3.7	1.54
Pacific Exempt	198.3	208.7	+2.3	2.14
Best of British	39.6	41.7	+1.1	2.45
Best of british	39.6	41.7	+1.1	2.45

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
British Trust Units	620.3	656.5	+22.0	2.74
Capital Trust Units	116.5	123.3●	+3.8	2.37
Dollar Trust Units	209.2	221.4	+8.3	2.18
European Trust	147.3	155.9●	-5.7	0.86
Far East Trust	140.9	149.2●	+0.9	1.89
Financial Trust	389.5	412.2	-0.5	2.62
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	28.1	28.2	+0.3	9.81
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	74.5	78.9	+2.3	4.57
Income Trust	94.3	99.8	+3.2	4.12
International	145.9	154.4●	+4.1	1.68
Japan Tech Tst	37.2	39.4	-0.5	0.00
Natural Resources	41.6	44.3	+0.4	1.70
Security Trust	215.5	228.1	+8.0	2.87
Smaller Cos	101.7	107.7	+1.8	1.88
Special Sits	110.6	116.6	+1.3	2.16
US Smaller Cos	26.7	28.3	+1.3	0.88

IBI FUND MANAGERS
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB
01-222 1000

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
IBI Brit & O'seas	149.9	158.7	+3.2	1.59
IBI Inc Plus	65.3	69.2	+1.3	4.62
IBI Cap Gth	65.3	69.2	+1.0	1.73
Inv Tst Fnd	80.8	85.6	+1.3	3.18

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35, Fountain Street, Manchester
(03038) 93384

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity & Gen	52.0	55.5	+2.4	1.66
Gilt & Fx Int Fnd	84.1	88.1	+0.9	10.57
Higher Inc	131.1	140.2●	+1.5	4.54
Income	57.4	61.3	+1.0	4.14
International	287.9	307.9	+5.4	1.40

KLEINWORT BENSON
"SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD"

L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE
01-588 2800

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income Fund	492.0	491.9●	+0.4	4.98
International & Gen	277.3	283.0●	-1.8	0.94

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 234634

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Distribution	309.6	329.4	+13.7	2.38
Do Accum	489.7	521.0	+21.8	2.38
Do Income	68.5	72.9●	+2.4	4.47
European	75.6	80.4●	-1.5	1.60
Far Eastern	127.0	135.1	-1.7	0.67
Gilt Trust	76.8	81.3	+1.3	7.27
O'seas Equity	91.1	96.9	+1.6	1.56
Natural Res	79.2	84.3	+2.5	1.67
N American Trust	89.8	95.5●	+4.2	1.32
UK Special Sits	74.5	79.4	+1.8	0.25
International Bond	48.2	51.3		8.82
Japanese Tst	55.4	58.9	-0.9	0.85
Managed Tst	50.9	54.2	+0.8	2.77

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0444 459144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Balanced	211.0	224.4	+9.4	2.70
Do Accum	380.7	405.0	+17.0	2.70
Conti Euro Gth Inc	45.1	47.9	-1.3	0.71
Do Accum	45.1	47.9	-1.3	0.71
Energy Intl	58.4	62.1c	+0.8	2.46
Do Accum	65.5	69.6	+0.9	2.46
Extra Income	178.0	189.3	+4.7	4.71
Do Accum	326.4	347.2	+8.6	4.71
German Gth Inc	66.9	71.1	-3.7	0.45
Do Accum	67.1	71.3	-3.7	0.45
Income	310.9	330.7	+11.9	4.01
Do Accum	624.4	664.2	+23.7	4.01
Intl Tech	212.6	226.1	+8.9	0.13
Do Accum	222.5	236.7	+9.4	0.13
Japan Growth	84.5	90.0	-0.8	0.02
Do Accum	84.9	90.3	-0.8	0.02
N Amer & Gen	117.5	125.0●	+4.8	0.89
Do Accum	127.4	135.5	+5.3	0.89
Pacific Basin	154.2	164.0●	+1.4	0.02
Do Accum	161.4	171.6●	+1.5	0.02
Smaller Cos & Rec	223.9	238.1	+3.8	1.74
Do Accum	252.8	268.9	+4.3	1.74
Worldwide Growth	220.0	234.0	+3.5	0.35
Do Accum	309.9	329.6	+5.0	0.35
UK Growth Fund	55.4	58.9	+1.7	1.84
Do Accum	55.9	59.4	+1.7	1.84

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 215347

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
General Trust	50.6	54.0	+2.4	3.30
Income Trust	42.4	45.1	+1.9	5.40
International Trust	39.5	42.0	+0.2	0.60
American	36.4	38.7	+1.5	2.00
Japan	48.0	52.1	-1.4	0.00
Trust of Inv	34.3	36.5	+0.4	2.00

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588 Dealing 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	240.6	253.8●	+12.6	1.25
Do Accum	282.5	298.0●	+14.8	1.25
Amer Recovery	268.9	283.7	+18.6	0.33
Do Accum	294.2	310.4	+20.4	0.33
Am Smaller Co Acc	61.5	64.9●	+3.2	0.08
Australia Acc	136.9	144.4c	+6.8	0.48
Commodity Acc	268.9	281.6●	+5.5	2.40
Compound Growth	471.6	504.8	+7.1	3.10
Conversion Growth	371.9	397.9c	+3.5	2.41
Do Inc	213.5	225.2c	+1.2	5.26
Dividend Fund Inc	462.6	488.0	+5.7	4.69
Do Accum	£13.84	14.61	+0.16	4.69
European Acc	300.0	316.5	-4.5	0.85
Extra Yield Inc	262.2	279.6	+4.2	5.14
Do Accum	575.2	606.6	+9.2	5.14
Far Eastern Inc	172.0	181.5c	+6.8	1.25
Do Accum	210.4	222.0	+8.2	1.25
Fund Of Inv Inc	286.0	301.7	+2.9	2.50
Do Acc	453.5	478.4	+4.4	2.50
General Income	724.8	764.7●	+13.2	3.46
Do Accum	£15.59	16.45	+0.28	3.46
Gilt & Fixed Int	59.3	62.3	+0.6	9.55
Do Accum	93.1	97.8	+0.8	9.55
Gold Income	51.8	54.6●	+0.9	2.19
Do Accum	55.6	58.7	+1.0	2.19
High Income Inc	365.0	385.1	+6.2	4.90

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income Fund	78.2	83.2●		4.18

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	70.5	71.6	+0.5	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	$52.1	52.4	..	
Challenger	49.9	51.0	-0.7	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Conv & Equity	54.0	57.5	+0.7	6.85
Income	61.9	65.9	+1.5	4.44
Growth	63.2	67.3	+0.9	1.87

The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

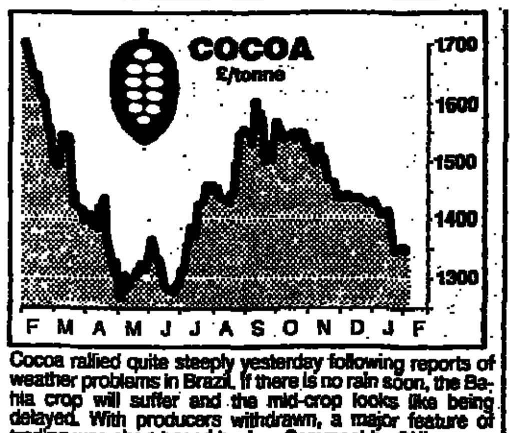
1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15½	8½	A & M Gp	14½	15½	+½	0.6e	4.0	21.4
65	50	ATA Selection	52	56	+2	2.1	3.9	14.5
157	93	Abbeycrest	152	156	+2	3.6	2.3	21.9
68	35	Aberdeen Sth Hse	52	57	-3	1.7e	3.1	15.4
142	45	Access Satellite				4.6		
106	38	Acorn Comp	48	51	+2			3.5
21	8	Acsis Jewellery	17	19				9.6
20	15	Adam Leisure	14	16	●			1.9
116	90	Airsprung	110	115	-2	8.1	7.2	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
	110	TR Australia	114	116	-1	3.3	2.9	34.3
	59½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	70	71½	●	3.1	4.4	33.3
	109	TR Ind & Gen	120	121	+½	2.9b	2.4	52.2
	109	TR Natural Res	146	149		5.9	4.0	31.6
	97	TR North America	108	110	-1	2.6b	2.4	55.3
	144	TR Pacific Basin	214	215	+1½	1.4	0.7	
	45	TR Property	79	81		1.9	2.4	53.3
	112	TR Tech	130	131	+½	2.6	2.0	61.6
	76	TR Trustees	102	104	s +1	6.1	5.9	22.9
	142	Temple Bar	192	195	+2	8.1b	4.2	33.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

COMMODITIES



Cocoa rallied quite steeply yesterday following reports of weather problems in Brazil. If there is no rain soon, the Bahia crop will suffer and the mid-crop looks like being delayed. With producers withdrawn, a major feature of trading was chart-based buying. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Feb	unq.
Mar	87.00-88.0
Apr	83.50-86.0
Vol:	132

GAS OIL

Feb	148.00-47.75
Mar	150.50-50.25
Apr	151.00-50.50
May	149.25-48.00
Jun	147.25-47.00
Jul	150.00-40.00
Aug	150.00-40.00
Sep	150.00-40.00
Oct	150.00-40.00
Vol:	3902

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	173.6-73.4
May	177.8-77.6
Aug	181.0-79.2
Oct	182.0-81.4
Dec	185.4-84.0
Mar	189.0-87.0
Vol:	3311

COCOA

Mar	1360-59
May	1387-86
Jul	1414-13
Sep	1439-38
Dec	1461-60
Mar	1486-84
May	1506-01
Vol:	4492

COFFEE

Mar	1530-25
May	1540-36
Jul	1560-55
Sep	1587-85
Nov	1628-20
Jan	1655-50
Mar	1690-70
Vol:	4437

SOYABEAN

Apr	126.0-25.5
Jun	117.5-17.1
Aug	114.4-13.9
Oct	115.5-15.0
Dec	117.5-17.0
Feb	119.5-18.8
Vol:	61

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	891.00-892.00
Three Months	909.00-910.00
Vol	3100
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	864.00-866.00
Three Months	887.00-890.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	308.00-309.00
Three Months	309.50-308.00
Vol	3600
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	494.50-495.50
Three Months	486.50-487.00
Vol	2800
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	366.00-367.00
Three Months	376.00-377.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	366.00-367.00
Three Months	376.00-377.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	802.00-803.00
Three Months	811.00-811.50
Vol	825
Tone	Barely Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2374-2375
Three Months	2410-2415
Vol	36
Tone	Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 8

GB: Cattle, 93.11p per kg lw (-0.42)
GB: Sheep 180.86p per kg* (+10.88)
GB: Pigs, 76.35p per kg lw (+1.99)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 12.5 %, ave. price, 93.20p(-0.57)
Sheep nos. up 4.6 %, ave. price, 181.47p(+11.85)
Pig nos. up 6.9 %, ave. price, 76.36p(+2.01)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 25.3 %, ave. price, 92.48p(+0.77)
Sheep nos. up 28.1 %, ave. price, 178.36p(+7.63)
Pig nos. down 3.2 %, ave. price, 75.48p(-0.43)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	94.5	95.0
Apr	95.0	95.0
Jun	96.0	95.7
Aug	96.0	96.0
		Vol: 5

Pig Meat vol: 2

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.5	96.5
Apr	99.0	99.0
Jun	unq.	99.0
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	117.40	114.85
May	118.75	116.10
Jul	121.45	unq.
Sep	99.20	99.25
Nov	102.15	102.10
Jan	105.15	104.90

Vol: Wheat 685
Barley 12

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	109.0	110.1
Apr	150.0	150.9
May	177.5	176.8
Nov	88.6	88.0
		Vol: 1500

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	780.0-775.0	780.0
Jul 87	666.0-668.0	667.0
Oct 87	765.0-758.0	766.0
Jan 88	—	789.0

Vol: 48 lots Open intst: 2128
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
855.5 up 0.5 on 6/2/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Confident start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end February 20. §Contango day February 23. Settlement day March 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
2	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
3	Bridgend Gp	Industrials A-D	
4	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
5	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
6	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
7	Dubilier	Electricals	
8	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
9	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
10	Emss Lighting	Electricals	
11	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
12	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
13	Foward Tech	Electricals	
14	Assoc Book	Newspapers	
15	Costain	Building,Roads	
16	Baker Perkins	Industrials A-D	
17	Arenson	Industrials A-D	
18	Burgess	Industrials A-D	
19	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
20	Federated Hsg	Building,Roads	
21	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
22	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
23	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
24	Park Foods	Foods	
25	Dom	Industrials A-D	
26	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
28	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
29	MEPC	Property	
30	Brasway	Industrials A-D	
31	Desoutter	Industrials A-D	
32	Br Petroleum (aa)	Oil	
33	Evered	Industrials E-K	
34	Portals	Industrials L-R	
35	VSEL	Industrials S-Z	
36	County 'B'	Property	
37	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
38	Chrysalis	Leisure	
39	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
40	IMI	Industrials E-K	
41	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
42	First Leisure	Leisure	
43	Oil Search	Oil	
44	Samuelson Gp	Leisure	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£8,000
Claims required for
+42 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. gross yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100⅛	94¾	Treas	10¼%	1987	100 ●	..	10.2	—
100	94¾	Exch	2½%	1987	99½ ●	..	2.5	—
99⅞	95¼	Exch	10½%	1987	99⅝	..	10.5	10.570
100½	94⅛	Fund	6½%	1985-87	99⅝	..	6.5	9.364
107¼	95⅝	Treas	10%	1987	99¾	..	10.0	10.641
99¼	93¼	Treas	3%	1987	98⅛	..	3.1	7.366
104½	94¼	Treas	12%	1987	101⅛	..	11.9	10.307
99⅛	93	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	98⅜	..	7.9	9.311
104⅛	93¾	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅝	..	10.5	10.274
102¼	93½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	99⅝	..	9.8	10.231
94⅝	91⅛	Trans	3%	1978-88	94⅝	+⅛	3.2	7.368
102⅞	92⅞	Treas	9½%	1988	98¼	..	9.6	10.395
107⅞	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	102¼ ●	..	11.2	10.188
105⅞	93¼	Treas	10½%	1989	100⅝	..	10.4	10.176
104½	92¾	Exch	10%	1989	99⅝ ●	..	10.0	10.162
111⅛	95⅛	Exch	10½%	1989	102	+⅛	10.0	9.388
101⅛	98	Exch	11%	1989	101¼	..	10.8	10.205
93½	87⅛	Treas	5%	1986-89	91⅝	+⅛	5.5	8.729
103¼	94⅛	Treas	C9¼%	1989	98⅝	..	9.6	10.199

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	203	Nat Aust Bk	244	248	+4	..	..	..
637	438½	Nat West (aa)	628	632	+13	27.8	4.4	8.6
128	79	Ottoman	128	-		600	4.8	9.9
394	258	Provident	335	338	+12	18.5b	5.7	11.5
232	220	REA Gp	225	230		2.9	1.3	17.0
155	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	155½	158	+¼	7.8	4.9	18.3
389	260	Royl Bnk Of Scot	306	310		15.4	5.0	7.7
825	581	Schroders	770	785	-2	15.4	2.0	14.9
884	420	Stand Chart (aa)	746	752	-7	46.4	6.2	9.2
102	72	TSB (aa)	80	80½	●+2¼	6.1	7.6	5.7
818	638	Union	730	745	●-11	57.1	7.7	74.3
39¼	21	Wells Fargo	35⅝	-	+¼			
340	225	Wintrust	325	335	●-8	8.0	2.4	16.2

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
381	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	358	359	●+5	14.5	4.1	18.2
848	285	Bass (aa)	838	845	●+4	24.3	2.9	15.0
74½	22	Belhaven	72	73	+½	1.0	1.4	38.8
145	87	Boddingtons	134	136		4.8	3.6	17.0
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	540	545	●+3	20.0b	3.7	18.9
171	97	Buckleys	143	145	-1	4.3	3.0	33.3
180	142	Bulmer (H P)	154	157	●-2	7.7	4.9	16.0
750	419	Burtonwood Brew	685	692	●-1	15.4	2.2	22.9
615	465	Clark (Matthew)	480	488	+1	12.1	2.5	16.6
234	128	Devenish (J A)	215	222	●	3.9	1.8	30.3
215	186	Greenall Whitley	208	210	-1	7.9	3.8	12.6
332	185	Greene King	308	310	-1	8.4	2.7	17.7
355	282	Guinness (aa)	294	296	●	11.6	3.9	11.2
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	640	648	●-1	26.7	4.1	14.2
91	68	Highland Dist	75	77		3.1	4.1	14.7
147	139	Invergordon Dist	138	140	●-1	6.8	4.9	8.9
288	168	Irish Dist	193	198	●	6.0	3.1	
119	77	Marston Thompson	118	119	-½	3.3	2.8	18.9
430	353	Morland	390	405	●	10.0	2.5	19.3
288	131	SA Breweries	238	245	+11			
234	178	Scot & New (aa)	212	213	●-3½	10.3	4.8	12.9
583	350	Vaux	560	564	-1	17.9	3.2	19.3
316	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	310	312	+11	11.5	3.7	14.3
318	248	Do 'B'	315	320	+20	11.5	3.6	14.7
279	210	Whitbread Inv	278	280	+4	11.0	3.9	35.8
432	282	Wolverhampton & D	383	385	s -1	7.0	2.5	16.0
330	195	Young 'A'	298	305	+1	11.4	3.8	29.7

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TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514	444	BAT (aa)	505	510	-2	18.4	3.6	13.3
168	123	Carreras	157	162	●+2			
273	135	Rothmans 'B'	211	212	+6½	10.0	4.7	7.5

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 9	Market rates close February 9	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5015-1.5180	1.5170-1.5180	0.59-0.56prem	1.68-1.63
Montreal	2.0090-2.0280	2.0252-2.0280	0.57-0.48prem	1.67-1.52prem
Ams'dam	3.1121-3.1692	3.1121-3.1165	1½-1¼prem	4¾-4prem
Brussels	57.19-58.06	57.19-57.38	15-10prem	42-33prem
C'phgen	10.4590-10.6349	10.4590-10.4810	½prem-⅛dis	⅞-par prem
Dublin	1.0335-1.0543	1.0352-1.0362	21-29dis	71-89dis
Frankfurt	2.7549-2.8075	2.7549-2.7590	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	214.52-217.54	214.73-215.83	80-189dis	238-395dis
Madrid	195.24-197.27	195.24-195.82	16-47dis	60-88dis
Milan	1961.48-1995.41	1961.48-1967.33	2-par prem	3prem-1dis
Oslo	10.6353-10.9828	10.6455-10.6677	2½-3⅜dis	10⅝-11dis
Paris	9.1824-9.3420	9.1824-9.1991	2⅛-1½prem	5⅝-4¾prem
St'khlm	9.8544-9.9522	9.8544-9.8716	⅝prem-⅜dis	⅝-par prem
Tokyo	231.19-232.83	231.19-232.57	1⅝-1½prem	3⅝-3⅜prem
Vienna	19.50-19.76	19.50-19.53	10-9prem	29¼-25¼prem
Zurich	2.3210-2.3713	2.3210-2.3263	1½-1¼prem	4¼-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.5 (day's range 68.5-69.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0316-2.0391
Australia dollar	2.2700-2.2800
Bahrain dinar	0.5630-0.5870
Brazil cruzado*	25.8504-25.9954
Cyprus pound	0.7390-0.7490
Finland marka	6.9985-7.0385
Greece drachma	203.30-205.30
Hong Kong dollar	11.810-11.821
India rupee	19.55-19.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4170-0.4210
Malaysia dollar	3.8600-3.8700
Mexico peso	1485-1535
New Zealand dollar	2.7700-2.7900
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6070-5.6470
Singapore dollar	3.2500-3.2600
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2610-6.3971
S Africa rand (com)	3.1600-3.1800
U A E dirham	5.4860-5.5260

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4475-1.4525
Singapore	2.1450-2.1460
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5515
Australia	0.6655-0.6660
Canada	1.3338-1.3343
Sweden	6.5300-6.5350
Norway	7.0200-7.0250
Denmark	6.9150-6.9200
West Germany	1.8275-1.8290
Switzerland	1.5400-1.5415
Netherlands	2.0640-2.0655
France	6.0900-6.0950
Japan	153.15-153.25
Italy	1300.0-1302.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.90-37.95
Hong Kong	7.7975-7.7985
Portugal	142.50-143.00
Spain	128.50-128.80
Austria	12.81-12.83

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10
Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 10 11/16	2 mnth 10 9/16
3 mnth 10 9/16	3 mnth 10 7/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 27/32-10 13/16 2 mnth 10 11/16-10⅝
3 mnth 10 17/32-10½ 6 mnth 10 9/32-10 11/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 15/16 2 mnth 11 5/16
3 mnth 11 5/32 6 mnth 10 29/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¼ close 10¾
1 week 11⅛-11 6 mnth 10 25/32-10 23/32
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 9 mnth 10¾-10⅝
3 mnth 10 31/32-10 15/16 12 mth 10¾-10⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10⅞
6 mnth 10¾ 12 mth 10¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11 3/16-10 15/16 2 mnth 11⅛-10⅞
3 mnth 11 1/16-10 3/16 6 mnth 10 15/16-10 11/16
9 mnth 10 13/16-10 9/16 12 mth 10¾-10½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/16-10 31/32 3 mnth 10 27/32-10¾
6 mnth 10 19/32-10½ 12 mth 10½-10⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.20-6.15 3 mnth 6.25-6.20
6 mnth 6.25-6.20 12 mth 6.25-6.20

$ 406.00-409.00 (£268.00-270.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.25-97.25 (£63.50-64.25)
Platinum
$ 523.50 (£345.55)
Silver
$ 5.5500-5.5700 (£3.6600-3.6750)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 1987 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 6½-5½
7 days 6-6 3/16	1 mnth 6¼-6⅛
3 mnth 6 5/16-6 3/16	6 mnth 6 5/16-6 3/16
Deutschmark	call 4¼-3¾
7 days 4-3⅞	1 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16
3 mnth 4⅛-4	6 mnth 4⅛-4
French Franc	call 9-8
7 days 8½-8¼	1 mnth 8⅝-8½
3 mnth 8 11/16-8 9/16	6 mnth 8¾-8⅝
Swiss Franc	call 2¼-1¾
7 days 1⅞-1⅝	1 mnth 3⅝-3½
3 mnth 3⅝-3½	6 mnth 3⅝-3½
Yen	call 5-4
7 days 4½-4¼	1 mnth 4½-4¼
3 mnth 4¼-4⅜	6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

BULLION

Gold:$405.75-406.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p) (aa)	71½ -½
Cap & Regional (65p)	66 -2
Cookson Gp N/P	63
Daniels S (130p)	176 +1
Fletcher King (175p)	193 +2
Gaynor (94p)	120 +1
Geest (125p)	219 +1
Glentree (16p)	50 -1
Gorden Russell (190p)	225 +4
Guthrie Corp (150p)	180 +2
Halls Homes (95p)	125 +2
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29 +1
Hornby (100p)	93 -2
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	175 +1
Johnson Fry (150p)	178 +2
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	25½
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	154
Logitek (65p)	86 +1
Lon & Metro (145p)	201 +2
MIL (144p)	159
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	110
Nobo (152p)	153 -1
Northumbrian Food (60p)	85 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	118
Spandex (170p)	247
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	110½ +½
TSB Group (100p)	80¼ +2¼
Virgin (140p)	144½ -1½
Ward Group (97p)	122 +12
Wilding Office (135p)	160

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven F/P	72
Freshbake F/P	140
Parkdale F/P	77 +6
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

APPOINTMENTS

Law Debenture Corporation: **Mr Jeremy Potter** is made an executive director.

Derbyshire Building Society: **Mr Hugh Rogers** becomes a director.

National Cavity Insulation Association: **Mr John Lamb** is made chairman and **Mr John Blundell** and **Mr Peter Sunderland** joint vice chairmen.

Evode Group: **Mr Roger Hatfield** becomes managing director, paint and powder coatings subdivision. **Mr Malcolm Henry** is made manufacturing director and **Mr Steven Jacques** deputy managing director. Both join the Postans board.

Runzheimer Europe: **Mr Drew Duncan** has been appointed managing director.

Coalite Group: **Mr Brian Cooper** becomes a director and joins the board.

Pilkington Brothers: **Mr Glen Nightingale** becomes a director from July, **Mr Alan Judge** chief executive designate, Pilkington Glass, from May, **Mr Patrick Furlong** chief executive designate, Pilkington Insulation, from May.

Bonhams: **Mr Paul Whitfield** and **Mr Christopher Elwes** join the board.

OSCA: **Miss Elizabeth Campbell** joins the board of Sutherland Hawes as new business director and **Mr Michael O'Reilly** becomes design director.

Hacker Young: **Mr Raz Abu-Zarim** becomes an audit partner and **Mr Vincent Guiry** a tax partner.

Helical Bar: **Mr Nigel McNair Scott** is made finance director and managing director of Helical Industrial Holdings.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.35	89.38	89.31	89.33	2643
Jun 87	89.74	89.82	89.74	89.75	756
Sep 87	89.92	90.01	89.92	89.94	174
Dec 87	89.97	90.04	89.96	89.97	81
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	89.87	0
Jun 88	N/T	—	—	89.72	0
Previous day's total open interest 16776					
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous day's total open interest 31140				
Mar 87	93.69	93.69	93.58	93.59	3145
Jun 87	93.73	93.74	93.58	93.60	3903
Sep 87	93.73	93.74	93.59	93.59	626
Dec 87	93.63	93.64	93.51	93.51	247
US Treasury Bond	Previous day's total open interest 4580				
Mar 87	100-11	100-12	99-15	99-19	3712
Jun 87	99-05	99-05	99-05	98-25	2
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 99				
Mar 87	99-40	99-46	99-40	99-46	34
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 18022				
Mar 87	116-10	117-01	116-05	116-07	22854
Jun 87	116-28	117-06	116-12	116-12	340
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	116-23	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	116-11	0
FT-SE 100	Previous day's total open interest 3561				
Mar 87	192.30	194.50	192.05	193.20	1208
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	196.20	0

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons (*359)	300	67	72	82	2	2	6
	330	40	50	62	4	12	15
	360	18	32	43	16	23	30
British Gas (*72)	50	23½	26½	—	½	½	—
	60	14	17	21	½	1	1½
	70	5½	9½	13	2½	3¾	4½
BP (*822)	700	125	140	—	2	7	—
	750	75	92	115	82	17	23
	800	37	65	83	30	38	50
Cons Gold (*758)	700	82	100	120	16	28	35
	750	47	67	92	34	52	67
	800	27	45	60	64	77	92
Courtaulds (*398)	300	109	115	—	1	1	—
	330	79	87	101	1	5	9
	360	55	61	79	3	7	13
	390	35	43	62	12	18	21
Com Union (*331)	280	54	60	66	2	5	8
	300	36	42	49	5½	11	15
	330	15	24	32	20	22	26
Cable & Wire (*378)	325	58	—	—	2	—	—
	350	36	—	—	7	—	—
	360	—	45	60	—	18	22
	390	18	25	42	26	35	37
GEC (*215)	180	40	48	54	1	3	5
	200	22	31	38	4	8	11
	220	9½	17	25	12	15	20
Grand Met (*503)	390	115	—	—	1	—	—
	420	80	100	110	1½	6	10
	460	50	68	80	5	12	17
	500	21	45	55	20	28	33
ICI (*1363)	1250	127	157	185	13	25	35
	1300	90	122	155	28	40	52
	1350	62	100	127	87	64	72
	1400	45	77	102	11	94	100
Land Sec (*354)	300	58	64	71	1	2	3
	330	32	40	46	4	7	11
	360	14	21	26	14	19	23
Marks & Spen (*212)	180	37	41	49	1	4	6
	200	18	25	31	6	80	12
	220	10	14	19	16	19	22
Shell Trans (*1136)	1000	148	165	183	3	7	15
	1050	98	125	143	7	18	27
	1100	62	85	105	20	32	45
Trafalgar House (*330)	260	76	84	93	1	2	4
	280	56	64	73	2	6	9
	300	36	45	57	5	11	14
TSB (*79)	70	10½	14½	16½	1	2½	3
	80	5	7½	10	4½	6	6½
	90	1	3	—	12½	13	—
Woolworth (*758)	650	128	140	156	4	6	10
	700	85	100	120	12	15	20
	750	52	65	78	25	35	45

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*507)	390	123	133	145	1	1½	6
	420	93	105	113	1	5	10
	460	55	70	82	6	13	20
	500	25	40	57	18	28	45
Boots (*285)	240	49	54	60	1	4	5
	260	29	35	43	1½	6	11
	280	17	23	28	8	14	14
BTR (*310)	260	55	62	70	1½	5	7
	280	35	44	53	4	10	14
	300	17	30	40	9	20	25
Bass (*843)	750	105	115	145	4	8	12
	800	63	83	103	10	18	30
	850	32	53	68	32	52	58
Blue Circle (*689)	650	60	75	95	8	15	23
	700	25	42	60	25	35	45
	750	10	18	33	60	70	72
De Beers (*965)	800	180	205	230	7	17	30
	850	135	165	190	12	27	456
	900	70	135	160	20	40	60
	950	70	105	135	45	65	85
Dixons (*350)	300	54	66	74	2	3	5
	330	28	40	54	7	13	14
	360	12	24	34	24	28	30
GKN (*326)	260	69	72	78	1	2	3
	280	49	52	58	1½	4	7
	300	30	37	43	5	10	14
	330	12	22	29	15	23	27
Glaxo (*1323)	1250	110	155	215	17	40	60
	1300	75	125	180	35	65	80
	1350	48	100	150	70	88	103
	1400	28	78	120	100	115	133
Hanson (*157)	120	37	—	—	1	—	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Hanson (cont)	135	22½	27½	34	1	2½	4
	150	10	17	23½	4	8	9
	165	3½	10½	15½	11	14½	16½
Jaguar (*599)	500	103	118	135	1	6	7
	550	55	77	95	4	15	17
	600	24	45	60	20	33	40
Thorn EMI (*557)	460	103	118	125	1	2	3
	500	65	80	95	2	5	10
	550	25	43	57	14	23	30
	600	8	22	28	50	55	62
Tesco (*449)	390	67	75	87	2	3	10
	420	38	50	65	4	9	18
	460	11	27	34	20	22	32
THF (*211)	180	34	39	43	1	1½	3
	200	18	25	29	3	80	11
	220	6	14	18	15	18	22

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*612)	500	115	120	135	1	3	6
	550	65	75	95	1	13	18
	600	17	38	57	6	25	30
BAT Inds (*510)	390	122	127	—	1	1	—
	420	92	97	110	1	2	5
	460	52	65	83	1	7	12
	500	15	38	53	5	22	27
Barclays (*568)	460	112	120	130	1	3	7
	500	72	82	92	1	6	13
	550	22	35	48	5	22	30
Brit Telecom (*237)	200	38	44	48	½	2	3
	220	18	28	31	½	5	9
	240	3½	14	20	5½	13	18
Cadbury Schwpps (*225)	200	26	33	41	1	3½	8
	220	8	18	25	1½	11	15
	240	1½	10	16	16	24	27
Guinness (296)	280	20	31	47	3	13	18
	300	5	25	37	13	22	27
	330	1	12	20	38	43	45
Ladbroke (*433)	360	75	82	92	1	1½	8
	390	45	55	63	1	6	12
	420	20	28	43	7	15	20
LASMO (*199)	160	39	45	50	1	4	6
	180	19	29	38	1	4	13
	200	5	17	26	8	19	21
Midland Bank (*632)	550	85	95	105	2	8	12
	600	35	58	67	40	20	27
	650	6	28	42	25	47	50
P & O (*597)	500	100	108	115	1	4	8
	550	50	63	77	2	10	15
	600	8	33	43	17	30	35
Racal (*229)	180	50	58	66	½	3	6
	200	30	40	48	1	6	9
	220	10½	36	34	3	11	16
RTZ (*783)	650	135	150	167	2	4	9
	700	85	104	122	2	13	20
	750	42	57	87	4	25	37
	800	10	37	55	27	50	62
Vaal Reef (*91)	80	11½	16	21½	1	4	4½
	90	3½	10½	14	3½	7	8
	100	1½	4½	8	10½	12½	14

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*254)	200	55	56	—	1½	1½	—
	220	35	37	42	2½	4½	8
	240	15	21	28	7	11	15
	260	4½	10½	16	16	22	27

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£105)	102	3 5/16	3 9/16	3¾	1/16	¾	¾
	104	1 5/16	2 3/16	2⅝	3/16	15/16	1 7/16
	106	5/16	1⅜	1½	1 3/16	1⅝	2½
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£114)	110	4 5/16	5½	6⅜	3/32	1	1⅝
	112	2⅝	4½	5½	⅜	1 9/16	2¼
	114	1⅝	3⅜	4¼	15/16	2 7/16	45/16
	116	½	2⅝	—	2 1/16	3¾	—
	118	3/16	1¾	—	4	5 1/16	—
	120	3/32	1	—	6⅝	6 9/16	—

		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1908)	1600	220	335	—	—	1	1	—	—
	1625	295	310	—	—	1	1	—	—
	1650	270	285	298	—	1	1	1	—
	1675	245	260	273	—	1	2	2	—
	1700	220	235	248	—	2	2½	3	—
	1750	170	188	203	—	2	9	11	—
	1800	123	148	160	172	6	18	17	28
	1850	78	105	120	135	13	27	32	35

February 9, 1987. Total contracts 64350. Calls 54042. Puts 10308. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls: 2153. Puts: 2104

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 28	May 28	Jan 8

Call options were taken out on: 9/2/87 Amstrad, CI Group, Utd. Leasing, Prp. Trust, Rock. Am. Bus. Systems, Rotaprint, Premier Cons., Hughes Foods, Young H, Firth GM, Eglinton, Burndene, Geest, Burton, Wellcome, Priest B, Sangers Photo., Connells, Blacks Leis., Sound Diff., London Secs, London Merchant, Kalamazoo, Ennex, BSG, Randsworth, Brake Bros., Cannon St, BBA, Ultramar, Cityvision, Abaco, Ferranti, JFB, Staddard 'A', Sidlaw, Cullen, Acorn, MY Holdings, Hampton, Bejam, Cluff, SOAG, Lysander, Lyle, Camford, Goodman, Dares Est., Pentland, Metal Clos., Woodhouse Rix., Thorn EMI, Hawley, Jones, St Modwen, Imtec, Rentokil, Horizon.
Puts: Young H, Comm Union, Burgess, HTV, Benlox, Amstrad.
Puts & Calls: Burndene, Benchmark.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Today's good teachers groom tomorrow's hi-tech specialists

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

With school, college and university left behind, it is easy to forget that some measure of career success is often due in part to the skill of those who taught us.

Consider then the challenge of teaching in the computer industry where the subject matter to be taught changes as quickly as the need for trained staff increases.

In an industry once driven by the pioneering efforts of academics, there is now more than ever a need for academic and business skills to educate the people who work, or plan to develop a career, in information technology.

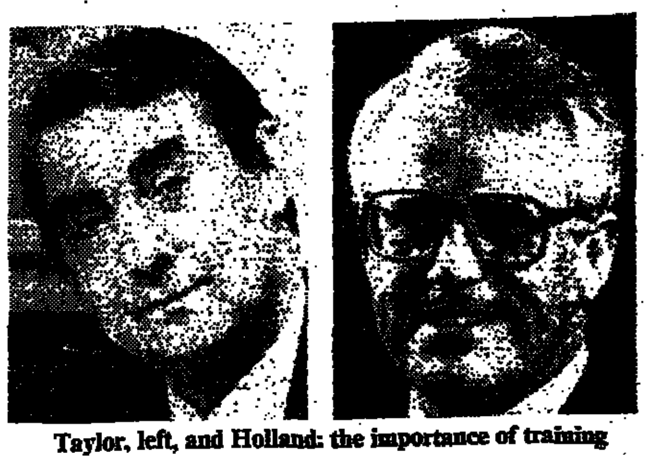
Outside of colleges and universities, computer industry training has often been disregarded. In companies it may be delegated as an area of secondary responsibility within a small part of someone's mainstream computer job.

Now the situation has begun to change, bringing with it a need for the computer industry to find and develop more experienced career-orientated training specialists.

Information technology centres and training companies are growing, while computer services companies' educational departments are hard pressed to accommodate organizations eager for staff to attend the wide range of courses offered.

The demand for information technology teachers will only increase and could lead to a suitable career switch for those already working in computing.

"We see people involved in training as being quite senior and having a fair amount of knowledge and training," says Alan Taylor, director of the professional development scheme at the British Computer Society.



Taylor, left, and Holland: the importance of training

"To start as an assistant lecturer, two years or more in information technology generally is needed, together with some specialization. Such a person must be able to delivery pre-designed and structured material using visual aids on site and externally. They must help in the design of material and continue to develop their skill."

As a senior lecturer, a good overview of the whole establishment providing the training is needed. And the individual should know all the company's products as well as being able to take responsibility for groups of people and to research, develop, supervise and direct courses.

Business skills should also have been acquired before this stage. Salary levels depend on the size and type of company, but generally at this stage earnings should be at least £20,000 a year.

Education and training management can take you higher and you do not need to have been a lecturer (though it would help), provided you have a clear understanding of the responsibilities and techniques of lecturing.

It is important that you have project management experience, knowledge of finance and resources, and the ability to plan and control the entire training operation and present its interests at board level. For this you can expect to earn £25,000 a year or more up to £35,000 in consultancy.

If you have a degree, university lecturing can also offer a good career move, even if you do not wish to make it permanent.

A three-year appointment can prove a useful springboard into computer industry training early in a career or provide lecturing and training experience before a shift to commercial teaching of information technology in mid-career.

University salaries, at up to £15,700 for a senior lecturer (almost £17,000 with London weighting), do not match commercial levels unless you can land a position similar to that advertised in Britain by the Chinese University of Hong Kong for senior lecturers at the equivalent of £31,600 with allowances for housing and children's education as well as long periods of paid leave.

In Britain, however, you can, and must, get involved in research, and opportunities do arise enabling you to supplement your income by carrying out consultancy assignments.

Computer-Based Training (CBT) is one further area of interest which, according to Geoffrey Holland, managing director of Intra Systems, a CBT consultancy and training company, "is now emerging with greater force than even some of the computer industry recognize".

He explains: "Although CBT started in computer companies, the need to programme the information meant that programmers usually wrote the training material. Untrained in teaching, they were the worst people to do the job as it needs creativity to maintain interest in the information being studied."

It could be that the base skills needed to produce effective CBT programmes – lateral thinking, putting yourself in the shoes of the person learning, creativity and a grasp of educational psychology – are the very skills the computer industry should be seeking among its potential teachers of tomorrow's IT students.

More jobs in Epson move to Telford

The Japanese Seiko Epson Corporation is to build a high-technology production plant at Telford in the West Midlands.

Later this year the plant will begin production of the company's FX range of dot-matrix computer printers at the rate of about 8,000 units a month.

The Epson announcement represents one of the first major investments in British personal computer manufacture by a Japanese company.

The first phase of the manufacturing development will create 100 jobs, with the labour force increasing to 250 as Epson adds further products to its list of British produced devices during the next two years.

"It has always been Epson's policy to site manufacturing units close to where markets are strong," said the president of the company, Ichiro Hattori. "We have been talking to Telford Development Corporation for more than five years and our decision to invest here is very important for Europe, particularly as you have the most mature computer market right here in the UK."

Japan answers dumping charge

The move was welcomed by Lord Northfield, of the Telford Development Corporation – who suggested it was further evidence of Japan's commitment to answering charges of dumping its technology products at cheap prices to achieve market share.

"Japanese companies are not looking for opportunities to evade the requirements of the EEC by setting up factories simply for the assembly of imported Japanese components," he said.

"They in general – and this company in particular – could not have been more clear about their intention to source locally with British suppliers who can meet the Japanese challenge of excellence."

There must, however, be a certain irony in companies such as Epson coming to the UK to manufacture at a time when one of Britain's own largest personal computer makers, Alan Sugar's Amstrad, is turning to the Far East to make its PC product.

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Pentagon defends high-tech controls

A top US Defense Department official has branded as "complete rubbish" charges that excessive government regulation of high-tech products has cost US exporters sales and jobs and annoyed foreign governments, including Britain, by trying to apply domestic laws to the use of American high-tech equipment abroad.

In a report to be released this month a private panel studying the impact of national security export controls agreed that restrictions are necessary to keep western technology out of Soviet hands, but claimed that the Pentagon's over-zealous enforcement has harmed US business.

Richard Perle, the assistant Defence Secretary, said the report was "rich in assertion but weak in evidence".

The panel's chairman, Lew Allen, said: "Because the US is more stringent in applying controls than are the CoCom allies and because we control more items, the US exporter is at a competitive disadvantage." CoCom is the Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls, an informal organization composed of Japan and most western allied nations.

He added: "The controls as they are presently implemented irritate our allies ... and there is now evidence that they are discouraging the use by other western countries of US-manufactured components."

The panel estimated that the controls, which apply to 40 per cent of all US manufactured exports, could cost US business an estimated $9 billion a year in lost export sales and affect 200,000 jobs.

Mr Perle said he supports the study's conclusion calling for more co-ordination with US allies in enforcing export restraints of high-tech products. But he labelled "complete rubbish" the panel's estimate of the effect export controls have on sales and employment.

But President Reagan, in an addendum to his State of the Union address earlier this month, noted that he has directed the Cabinet to review the export-controls program and to report to him by early March.

After the profits, the business battle Amstrad must win

Tomorrow Amstrad will announce substantially improved profits, expected to be around £65 million, for the last six months of 1986.

The boost has been helped by three months' sales of its IBM-compatible computer, the PC 1512, which, starting at a price of £450, is estimated to have sold about 200,000 units in the last three months of 1986.

The last week has been a good one for Amstrad — it has received a clean bill of health from ICI which has been testing the computer to see if it is suitable for corporate use and a sales survey published by Romtec, a market research firm, put Amstrad PC sales in the UK ahead of IBM's for last December with 26 per cent of the market compared to IBM's 25 per cent.

In a letter from ICI being distributed gleefully by Amstrad, Derek Seddon, ICI's director of information technology, says the computer has now been approved for internal use, accepts it is good value for money and specifically denies the persistent rumours that the machines can get too hot after extended use.

He comments: "During the trials no problems were experienced with overheating when the Amstrad PC was connected to a token ring network."

Alan Sugar: failed to convince many potential office customers

Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, has always maintained that such rumours have been part of a dirty tricks campaign encouraged by competitors unable to match his prices. He even once anounced that a fan would be fitted to the machines if a customer wanted — not that it needed one in his view.

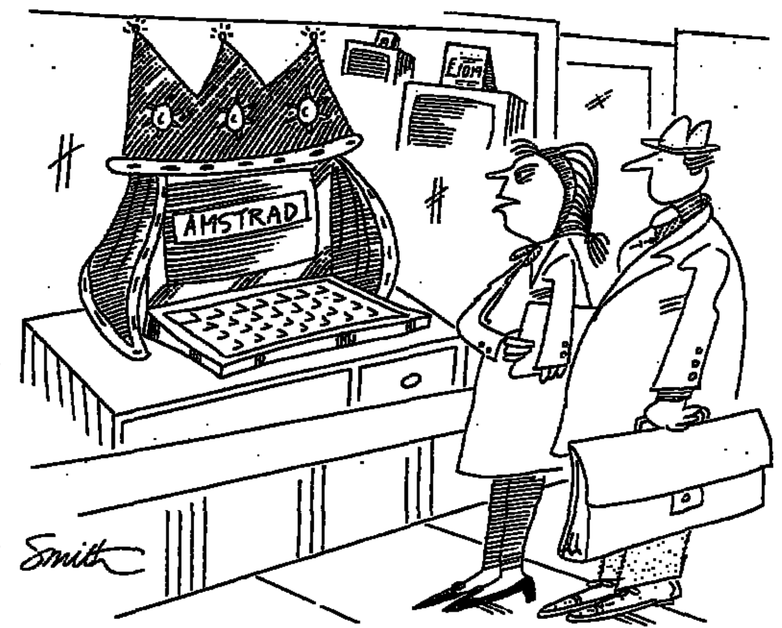
THE WEEK

By Matthew May

The ICI approval is important because though sales have resulted in demand exceeding supply they have been largely to first-time users. Corporate orders have yet to flood in and now the initial flurry of interest is over, Amstrad needs acceptance by the business community if the ambitious sales targets for this year are to be met.

It is a tough task — traditionally corporate customers are not so price-sensitive as single buyers and last week Amstrad held a conference aimed at large potential customers to try to convince them that their computer is not only cheap but reliable and flexible enough for sustained business use.

Time is short; in the PC business there are always better machines just around the corner and competitors will be quick to step in if a gap is seen. Already the slow deliveries of the hard-disc version of Amstrad's computer have resulted in one company, World Wide Computers, buying single floppy disc versions of the machine and installing its own hard disc before reselling them for £50 less than the Amstrad equivalent.



"They're trying to appear more up-market"

Some manufacturers believe that as prices fall, business will increasingly go for more powerful personal computers such as IBM's AT and compatibles — it is partly wishful thinking of course for they also want to get back to selling computers at a price where profit margins can be restored. So far Mr Sugar show no sign of producing an AT clone, admitting only a need to improve the limited graphics capability of the current computer — important for many business computer applications.

Mr Sugar has so far been unable to convince many potential office customers that an Amstrad could be an economic replacement for electric typewriters.

PC business more volatile than most

Amstrad's old rival, Sir Clive Sinclair, is due back on the computing scene next week. Amstrad bought the rights to Sinclair home computers last April for £5 million and since then Sir Clive has laid low in Cambridge formulating a new portable computer. The idea has been around for some time and will be shown for the first time next week. It is no longer expected to include such Sinclair innovations such as a flat TV screen for the display or wafer scale integration for storage.

All Sir Clive has said is that it will provide the power of a desktop micro in a small light portable. Such products are already available so any innovation will have to be in the pricing.

Though Amstrad would seem to have cornered itself a quarter of the British market for personal computers, if Romtec's survey is to be believed, it faces much tougher competition in the US. Equally its share in the UK has been gained as much by creating a demand from new users previously put off by the high cost of computing as winning business from established PC firms.

Romtec's survey says, for example, that the micro market sales by computer dealers grew by 42 per cent in 1986, of which it says "a large portion was due to Amstrad".

The PC business is more volatile than most in the computer industry and last year's success can soon turn to this year's failure. In 1987 Amstrad's task is to sell its PC to business but by 1988 it will need another even better computer if it is to stay ahead.

The big chip with a bigger memory

By Andrew Pollack

A Japanese company is preparing to make the first public disclosure of a computer memory chip that is far more powerful than the most advanced chips now on the market.

The new 16-megabit chip would be capable of storing as much information as could be printed on more than 600 pages of typewritten text and would eventually make possible desktop computers with memory capacities far surpassing what is possible now.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, the Japanese telephone company, will disclose details of its 16-megabit dynamic random access memory at a conference on integrated circuits to be held later this month in New York.

Nippon's chip is only a prototype, and such chips are not expected to be on the market for several years.

But because Nippon is the first company to announce such a part at an international conference, it indicates that Japanese companies are likely to maintain their lead in computer memory chips.

The 16-megabit chip is capable of storing more than 16 million bits, or units, of information on a sliver of silicon smaller than a postage stamp.

That is 16 times more information than can be stored by the most advanced chips now on the market, the one-megabit D-RAM.

The chip was developed at Nippon's Atsugi Electrical Communications Laboratory in Kanagawa by a team headed by Tsuneo Mano. The NTT labs are considered to be the Japanese equivalent of AT & T's Bell Laboratories in the United States.

Further details of the chip are being kept secret until the conference, but such a chip undoubtedly involves shrinking the features of the tiny electrical circuits to smaller than 1 micron, which is a millionth of a meter and a fraction of the diameter of a human hair.

The conference, on February 25, is the semiconductor industry's premier technical forum, and the papers presented there are often precursors of important products to come as well as a guide to which companies and countries seem to be ahead in technology.

The number of papers submitted by Japanese companies has grown steadily, and this year will make up more than 40 per cent of the 116 papers, slightly more than the American papers.

Most Japanese papers passed

Even more significant, some industry experts say, is that most of the Japanese papers submitted are accepted while fewer than half of the American ones are.

D-RAMs are the chips commonly used to store information in computers and are the semiconductor industry's biggest selling product.

Japanese companies were the first to present papers on the one-megabit dynamic RAMs at a conference in 1984.

American chip producers are discussing forming a consortium to produce dynamic RAMs as a way of restoring the manufacturing technology of the American industry.

Will the 386 open new markets?

By Geof Wheelwright

The British micro manufacturing business is in a pioneering spirit this week as two of its leading members join the exclusive club of computer companies that release products using the advanced Intel 386 computer chip.

While it may sound like computer industry esoterica, the 386 processor is the computer chip many predict will lead the personal computer into the 1990s, and British membership among its growing list of supporting manufacturers could be crucial if British micro manufacturing is to survive into the next decade.

This week, Oxford-based Research Machines, so far largely an educational computer manufacturer, and Apricot, are both to announce PCs based on the 386 chip which should enable both to aim their products at the larger corporate markets.

Manufacturers using the chip are expected to grow rapidly in the coming months as more US, Japanese and European manufacturers race upmarket to try and avoid the fierce price competition for a market share that Amstrad and others are waging for basic PCs.

Of the two UK companies entering the market this week, Research Machines (RM) will probably find the greatest challenge.

Its 80386 machine is an extension of the Nimbus computer first launched in early 1986 and caps what RM says has been a year of extensive growth, claiming that its sales of network systems exceeded both the American Tandon and Compaq systems which have been recognized as among the market leaders.

Apricot makes no such grand claims, but is making a recovery from the serious problems it faced in 1985 and sees the release of an 80386-based Xen machine as a logical development.

Apricot suggests its system "will not only provide a cost-effective option for existing minicomputer users and an upgrade path for existing Xen users, but also opens the door to powerful new computer solutions for thousands of businesses".

Apricot hopes that its new computer — which will be on show for the first time at next week's Which Computer show in Birmingham — will help the company's continued move upmarket.

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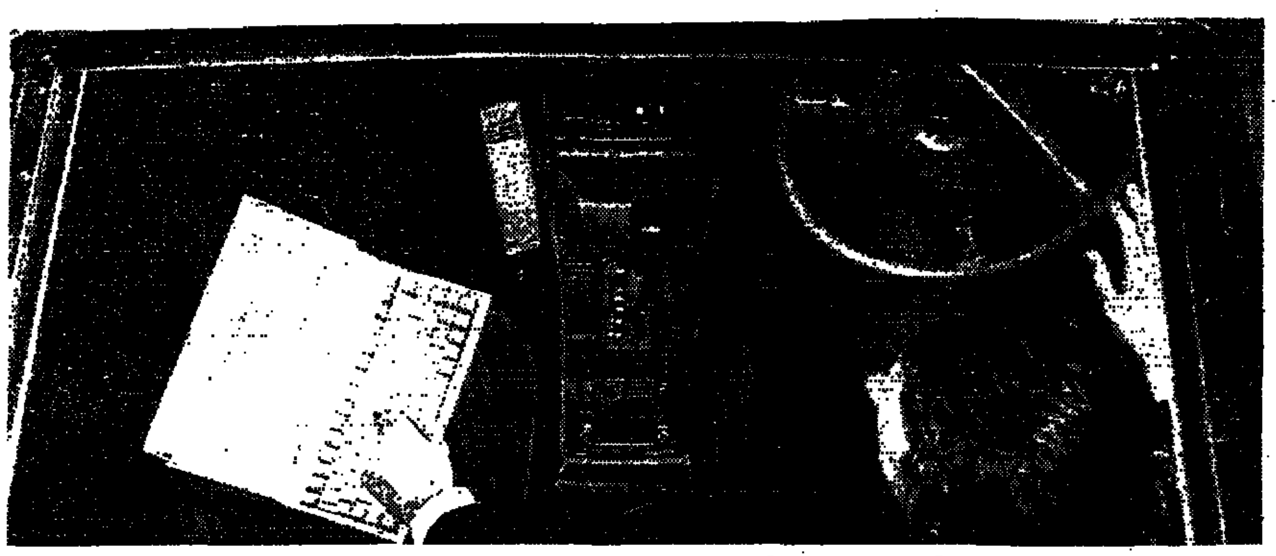
A super desktop run by battery

By Geof Wheelwright



Can portable computers finally take off with better screens?

According to industry pundits, every year since 1983 is supposed to have been the year in which truly portable computers – all of which had flat screens and most of which could run on batteries – would really come into their own.

It is only in recent weeks, however, that major personal computer manufacturers have started to release machines with the power, low cost and screen technology for a portable design to be truly viable.

What has stirred interest is the improvement of the technology used for screen display in so called laptop computers, always the weakest point and often difficult to read in certain lighting conditions or from certain angles.

Known as Supertwist, the new development provides greater contrast to the characters on a screen and makes the most of any ambient light.

The result is improved screen clarity and sharpness which can be achieved without backlighting and at last provides portable computers with a usable full-size screen.

IBM, for example, announced earlier this month that its portable – the convertible – would be getting Supertwist. Until late in 1986, even the most powerful portable computers – those that could run software written for the IBM Personal Computer and yet still operate on battery power – used LCD screens that were fuzzy and murky.

The development of backlit LCD screens – which used a small, internal backlight to provide better contrast for the screen – helped relieve the problem to a certain extent.

These latest developments in portable computer screen technology could finally provide manufacturers with what they need to crack the portable market.

Over the past 18 months, there has been a steady growth and interest in this market as companies relatively new to the PC business, such as Toshiba, have managed to capture a share of the market with their portable computers.

It looks set to repeat that success with the launch of its new T-1100 Plus portable computer at the Which Computer show next week in Birmingham.

This £2,000 machine also incorporates the Supertwist screen technology, runs on batteries and includes two computer disk drives for running IBM PC software.

Aside from advances in screen technology, Toshiba maintain that customers are generally unwilling to sacrifice power for portability and so new laptops must do nearly everything a desktop computer can.

Despite the advantages of Supertwist technology it remains to be seen whether customers really want a portable computer instead of a desktop, though a good many manufacturers are now set on the idea.

The remarkable computer power lurking inside a box

TRANSPUTER

By Nick Hampshire

Tucked away in a corner of an exhibition recently was a small exhibit from a firm in Hull bearing the suitably hi-tech name of Sophus.

There was superficially nothing very remarkable about it – just another Commodore Amiga with a box plugged into one side and the usual graphic display. But lurking in that box was a remarkable amount of computer power, sufficient to outperform many super mini-computers.

The box was the standard Amiga Sidecar which contains all the hardware and processors of an IBM PC thereby allowing it to run PC software while still retaining powerful graphics and multi-tasking capabilities.

Sophus has modified the computer further by adding an Inmos Transputer to the system thereby turning a desktop computer machine into, in some ways, a computer in the super mini class which has the potential of being upgraded even further into a supercomputer like the Cray simply by adding further transputers.

Each transputer has a processing speed of 10 million instructions per second or 1 million floating point calculations per second in the recently upgraded F414 transputer.

This kind of computing power takes the user into the area of the super mini computer and should appeal to those individuals for whom the personal computer revolution has still not provided enough computing power – scientists, engineers and computer graphics animators, for example.

The transputer runs a language developed by Inmos especially for systems using one or more transputers called Occam.

Occam is the name of the medieval philosopher who is remembered for his precept that in order to solve a problem it should be divided up into as many pieces as is necessary for each piece to be solved easily.

The Occam language does this if there are several transputers in the system, each performing a section of the task. This accounts for the enormous speed of the transputer network.

The generation of animated three-dimensional colour graphics is an application for which this combination machine is well suited. To generate a three-dimensional display requires an enormous number of quite complex calculations involving matrix arithmetic.

Calculations of this sort are easily performed by a transputer, with each one looking after the different sections of the screen. This would leave the other two processors free to perform tasks like shading and colouring of the object's surfaces.

The fact that small British software houses like Sophus are experimenting with systems incorporating the transputer is encouraging for the future of advanced computer technology in the UK.

The transputer is considered one of the keys to the creation of the so-called fifth generation computer, it has been developed and produced in Britain and should give this country an advantage over the rest of the world including the US and Japan.

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Hi-tech blows to banking security

By Eddie Coulter

Many of the UK's leading banks and building societies as well as other organizations involved in EFT (electronic funds transfer) are expected to be reviewing heavily their computer systems security over the next few months.

In the US there are already more computer crimes than there are conventional robberies of money.

In the UK, EFT now represents 83 per cent of the value of all money transferred. Terrorists and computer-aware criminals are said to be fast-realizing that the rewards for intercepting EFT can be tremendous.

The growth in networks designed to handle payment messages between customers and banks, bank branches and other banks and national and international organizations, has vastly increased the number of access points of transmission between systems.

Communications lines are the weakest points of any network as they can be, and have been, penetrated or tapped. Microwave and satellite links are also relatively easy to access, making encryption vital.

The growth in the number of terminals directly linked to payment systems represents one of the greatest threats through unauthorized use of on-line terminals.

This is aggravated by the increasing use of card-activated terminals such as automated cash-dispensers and teller machines as well as point-of-sale terminals and home terminals.

Fingerprint and voice checks

None of the various systems requiring PIN (personal identification numbers) is impregnable, according to a recent report from a group of computer-security experts from the central banks of 10 countries. Research is being carried out into the use of voice recognition, signature verification and fingerprint examination as techniques which will improve the security of such devices.

Message authentication — using an electronic algorithm — is almost impossible to standardize because of the difficulty of devising a foolproof key which is not overcomplicated to use manually and electronically.

Data encryption is an important counter-measure although the data encryption standard, expected to be formalized by the International Standards Organization, has recently been dropped because of the possibility of the cipher being broken.

A request for the EEC to support a European encryption standard has now been made, according to Dr Frank Taylor, chairman of the BCS security committee and president of the Confederation of European Computer Users' Associations.

Support is being given to a new "public key" crypto system under which two different keys will be employed. One key would be an agreed standard form of general system access, the other would be unique and secret between individual senders and receivers.

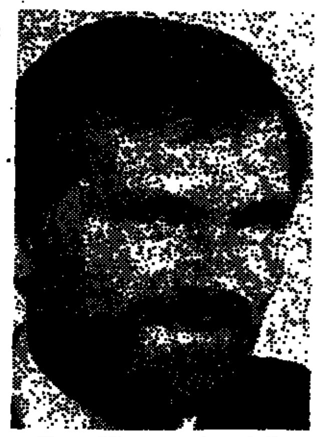
Systems of all kinds could also become vulnerable to threat with increasing use of OSI (open systems interconnection). One of the biggest problems to be solved in OSI using the X-25 communications standard is that of data encryption.

Systems using OSI will require good security. It is not only financial systems that are at risk but also the possibility that new product designs, on which millions of pounds have been spent, could be stolen.

Britons being sought by American companies

RECRUITMENT

By Valerie Lewis


Tony Vickers: shortfall

The cry being heard once again from across the Atlantic is The British Are Coming. It hails an increasing invasion that brings hope for a battle-weary US industry trying to cope with its computers.

At his office in Los Angeles in what was once the back lot of 20th Century Fox film studios, Tony Vickers from Teddington, London, presides over the American arm of Computer People, a British recruitment firm. He said: "There is a shortfall of more than 100,000 computer programmers in the United States. In the UK there is much more emphasis on developing computer software and it is a career profession whereas in the US many individual programmers have to get off programming to move up the corporate ladder.

"This keeps the shortage of programmers constant while the need for additional programmers grows."

Mr Vickers, who lives in fashionable Redondo among the film and TV stars, says business is so brisk that his wife claims his second home is a plane flying between London and Los Angeles.

"The Americans are desperate to recruit staff," he said. "There is no anti-British feeling at all. They are delighted to have the British come over and take control."

One such invader is 26-year-old Dene Jarvis from Stourbridge, who is on his second assignment to a US company. In 1982 he worked for a year in New York for a bank. For the last three months he has been working in Los Angeles.

What are the main differences between working in Britain and the US in data-processing centres?

"They run a much tighter ship in the UK," said Mr Jarvis. "Here it is more relaxed. And it seems much easier for a programmer to come here and work in the US than for an American to go to Britain."

John Marler, aged 25, from Norfolk has also profited in more ways than one from his experience in the US. He has worked for almost two years for an insurance company with offices based in Los Angeles, staying longer than planned because of the pay and the weather.

"My initial reason for coming was to see what America was like," he said, but he will probably go back to Britain eventually because of family ties. "It is very difficult for relatives and friends to visit because of the cost of air tickets."

He has also found that employees are not so mollycoddled in the US. In the first few months he found it a bit of culture shock to find none of the perks he was used to in England, such as subsidized lunches and a free car park. But he thinks the offices tend to be nicer to work in.

Computer People began its American operation in 1976 as a result of work done in England for an American bank. When the bank wanted a high-speed money transfer system installed in New York, it hired British systems analysts and programmers.

New recruits are given a useful though lighthearted A-to-Z guide. For example, under A for Accent the newcomer is told: "Although Americans adore the English accent they tend to listen to how you say something rather than what you are saying."

Though many computer experts are drawn to the US because pay can often be doubled, money is not the only reason, says Mr Vickers. "They come to broaden their work experience."

Initially contracts are for a year and many people want to go home afterwards.

The net gets tighter in the American job market

VISAS

By Pat Sweet

Edward Gudeon: new rules

The lure of the US still exerts a pull on British computing talent. But though the lifestyle remains as attractive as ever, getting into the US job market is becoming more difficult.

Many programmers and analysts who want to move to the US to work believe, mistakenly, that the stumbling block lies in proving no US national can fill the job on offer. Though that is a necessary step for those wanting to settle permanently in the country, it is not a requirement for staff on temporary work assignments.

Such people usually apply for an H-1 visa which has no quota attached and no obligation to test the US labour market, and which can normally be obtained in three or four months.

An H-1 visa is initially issued for two years and can be extended to a five-year maximum. The wait for proper immigration visas varies between nine months for professional staff and more than two years for skilled and unskilled workers.

But employers have to establish that the position on offer requires a professionally qualified person and that there is an accepted minimum entry level requirement to that profession. Determining which categories of computing staff are "professional" has become increasingly difficult.

Edward Gudeon, a US attorney specializing in immigration law, says: "Over the last year there has been an increased tightening of the net for who may and may not qualify for a temporary visa.

"In the computer field employers must first and foremost be looking for skills requiring a university degree and usually including computer science courses."

But many programmers have Arts degrees or are valued because of their qualifications in business or accountancy rather than computer science. Some have extensive on-the-job experience but no advanced training.

Lawrence Stein, who also specializes in immigration cases, agrees, saying: "The issue of a degree in the right area and whether experience can be substituted for formal qualifications is being more strictly construed right now."

Mr Gudeon believes that this presents particular problems for computer-service technicians and operations personnel. He says: "In the US such people need only one or two years' post high school training and so very few would be considered professional."

Mr Stein points to a proposed new regulation, the two plus five rule, as one solution. This would count two years of college level training plus five years' working in a position normally occupied by a professional and membership of a relevant organization as conferring professional status.

He adds: "I would certainly recommend anyone interested in going to the US to join the British Computer Society."

Other visa categories also present problems. Software companies sending staff over for up to six months to install equipment have found the B-1 visa suspended at various times after legal rulings after a Californian labour union sued the immigration authorities, claiming it allowed in workers without labour certification.

New rules surrounding the L-1 visa which allows companies trying to penetrate the US market to bring in key people to gain experience have worried Mr Gudeon.

"The new proposals restrict this visa only to those who spend virtually all their time performing executive and managerial functions. But in the real world an executive usually spends about 40 per cent of his time on manual or non-managerial duties which are still essential."

Mr Gudeon believes closer scrutiny of applicants' credentials for H-1 and L-1 visas will mean "foreign companies are going to find it very difficult to send certain people". And Mr Stein agrees that "the threshold for qualifying for H-1 status is being more strictly applied and in that sense it is getting more difficult to get into the US".

Paperback defends planner

■ **Adam Osborne, president of Paperback Computer, has denied allegations by Lotus Computer that Paperback's VP Planner financial spreadsheet infringes copyright by resembling Lotus's 1-2-3 product too closely. According to Mr Osborne, 1-2-3 has created a de facto standard and any spreadsheet product must be similar in certain respects to gain acceptance.**

He said: "The cost of converting and retraining an entire corporation to use a non-compatible spreadsheet program would be absolutely prohibitive." Lotus has filed copyright suits in the United States against Paperback and Mosaic Software — two of the largest companies producing such software.

Many smaller companies also produce "compatible" versions of Lotus products and will be watching the outcome with great interest. "VP-Planner is a better product at a better price", says Mr Osborne, "and we are glad that Lotus has given us this opportunity to prove it in court."

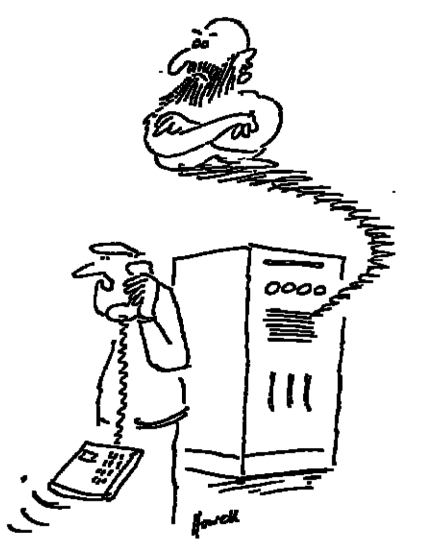
Pregnancy and VDUs

■ Managers in government departments should consider "sensitively and sympathetically" requests by pregnant staff not to work with visual display units.

The advice is contained in a document issued jointly by the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, the Civil Service Occupational Health Service and the Council for Civil Service Unions. If suitable alternative work is available, or can be found, it should be offered.

The guidance says that while there are understandable concerns about possible health risks with VDUs, particularly during pregnancy, current medical evidence shows there to be no risk, though admits many international experts believe further research is necessary.

Ergonomic factors are seen as being a more likely contributor to health problems and there may also be associated medical grounds for transfer, such as a difficulty with keyboard work from ligament strain, which may occur during pregnancy.



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COMPUTER BRIEFING

French work stations

■ **A London-based firm which produces engineering workstations is to have them manufactured in France. Whitechapel Workstations has signed an agreement with Thomson CSF which it hopes will help gain a 5 per cent share of the French market and boost sales in other European countries.**

"To be 'made in France' is a prerequisite for local success, maintains Whitechapel's marketing manager, Malcolm Barnes. In 1984 Whitechapel launched the MG-1 workstation which it says effectively halved the price for workstation technology.

The company has also received a capital injection of £550,000 from Venture Founders and Benevent Management which have each taken a 20 per cent equity share. A further £550,000 will be available on request.

Siemens watch dollar

■ The chairman of the West German electronics group Siemens, the nation's fourth largest company, expressed cautious optimism about business prospects for 1987, provided the dollar did not slide further against the mark.

For the year that ended last September, Siemens reported net profit eased by 4 per cent to 1.47 billion marks (£525 million) from the previous year. Turnover fell 14 per cent to 47.02 billion marks (£16.8 billion).

Mr Kaske, at the Siemens helm since 1981, has persuaded the group to loosen its reins on liquidity of more than 20 billion marks and invest massively in research, plant and scientific personnel. But the group has still failed to shake off an image inside West Germany for being reluctant to allocate these cash resources. It has, for instance, been on the lookout for overseas acquisitions for several years.

High on Siemens' overseas shopping list remains a stake in the French state-owned telephone equipment manufacturer CGCT.

Anti-dumping duties

■ **The European Economic Community plans to slap anti-dumping duties on a number of products assembled by Japanese companies in Europe from cheap, imported components. The proposed measures will be submitted to the EEC Council of Ministers for approval.**

The move is aimed at blocking the proliferation of so-called screwdriver assembly plants, set up by Japanese firms to circumvent anti-dumping duties already imposed by the EEC on their products.

The new measures would hit components used for making all the products covered by EEC anti-dumping duties. Japanese firms are, however, the main targets of local manufacturers, who complain that a large part of the value added from Japanese screwdriver plants goes back to Japan becuse of cheap component imports. The dumping practice would be confirmed for firms that substantially increased their output in Europe following the imposition of anti-dumping duties on their exports, with a minimal increase in local value added.

The EEC is currently considering such duties on Japanese semi-conductors.

Events

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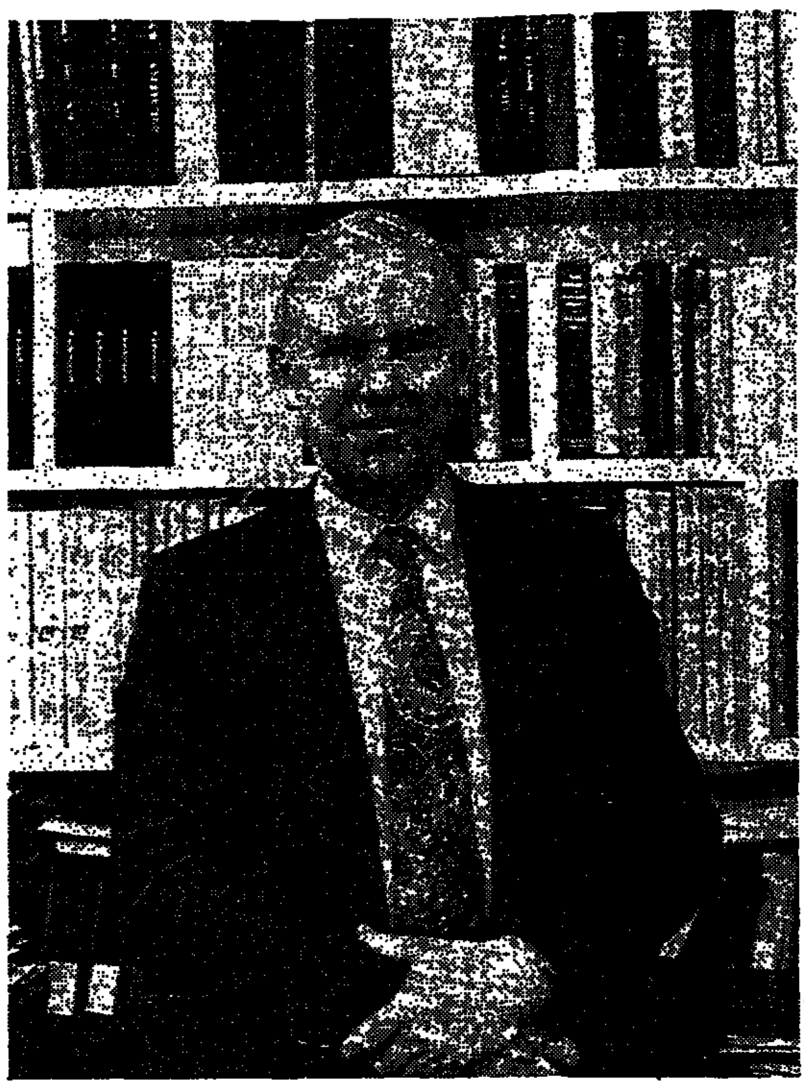
The battle to win the right backing

The controversy over whether funds should be used for student places or research continues. The Oxford engineering department nevertheless has created two new courses, designed to meet the needs of industry



Professor Wroth, the Head of Engineering Science, is perplexed – on the one hand, he says, he is given extra money and encouraged to educate additional engineers; on the other, like just about everyone else in university science and technology, he is starved of research funds. "It's diluting what a university is about." Universities, he adds, do not distinguish between teaching and research

Women are still in a minority in engineering, but more are entering the field. Second-year undergraduate Jillian Cruwys says she had no idea at school what engineering at university was like – "none of the teachers was much help". A special course at Southampton helped tip the balance for her and now, in Oxford's Engineering Science Department, she does not notice any discrimination

Professor Peter Wroth has one of the most enviable views in Oxford. His room, on the seventh floor of the engineering department's building, overlooks the University Parks, home of the university cricket club.

There is one problem which the professor, Head of Oxford's Department of Engineering Science and a member of the MCC, swears that he will solve "one dark night". The cricket pitch is partially obscured by a clump of trees. One can see the scoreboard and intermittent bits of play, but for the big picture, the strategy, you have to guess.

Something of the same kind of guessing game has been going on among academics about the Government's intentions towards science, pure and applied.

It is easy to see bits of the action, but by no means clear that the bits add up to a coherent whole. Professor Wroth's only quarrel with the Save British Science campaign, run by a fellow don, Denis Noble, Oxford's Professor of Cardiovascular Physiology, is that it should really be Save British Science and Engineering.

Growing numbers of undergraduates

If the Government has a policy towards engineering, Professor Wroth and his colleagues would argue, it is like the cricket in the Parks, pretty *hard to discern. It seems to* have *half* a policy – it wants to see the universities produce more engineering graduates, specifically the sort of graduates who can fill the growing number of vacancies in the electronics and computer-science industries. But, in practical terms, no one has looked much further than that.

That myopia perplexes Professor Wroth. On the one hand he is given extra money and encouraged to educate additional engineers. On the other, like just about everyone else in university science and technology, he is starved of research funds.

"I fear that they view the process of producing first degree engineers as an isolated thing that you can just arrange by laying on extra resources for that alone," he says. "It's diluting what a university is about."

Universities do not distinguish between teaching and research, says Professor Wroth; they go hand in hand.

" Successful teaching of engineering depends on two things, on real industrial contact and on the latest knowledge coming through from research. I don't believe you can divorce the two."

Oxford's undergraduate engineering population is going to expand from 480 to 680 over the next four years as a result of the Government's determination (backed by extra money) to produce more *engineers for the information* technology industries.

That side of things is welcomed; some of the expansion plans were already drawn up even before the Government began to bang the information technology drum, and were just waiting for funds to see them launched.

But the negotiations over the special tranche of money being made available to cover a new building and extra staff for the new intake had an Alice In Wonderland quality about them which points up rather clearly the difference in views between politicians and bureaucrats on the one hand and academics on the other about the nature of university education.

Oxford was adamant. It insisted the new building should include research space for the new academics being brought in to teach the extra students. Those who held the purse strings did not see it that way, says Professor Wroth.

"*The University Grants* Committee has just ruled that out and said 'no, this money is simply for you to produce first degree graduates. We're not interested in funding research.' "

The upshot is that the university and the engineering department itself have to find a lot of money over the next two years to provide the research space for staff brought in to teach the new courses.

"That is an example of the attitude, which is a nonsense," says Professor Wroth. "They want us to expand and do the proper *thing, but we're not* being properly funded."

The changes in undergraduate teaching as a result of the push for more hi-tech engineers will be radical.

The university has started two new courses: Engineering and Computing Science; and Electronic and Structural Materials Engineering.

Parallel with these new courses, Oxford is extending its most basic course, engineering science, from three years to four.

"We believe that with the increasing pressure to bring more and more material into the course, our students simply had intellectual indigestion in their three years", says Professor Wroth. "Bright though they are, we felt that *they did not really have time* to absorb all the concepts and see their relevance and application. To cover the same material in a proper way with time for thought and digestion needed four years."

All that is positive and greatly welcomed, but Professor Wroth, like other academic engineers, worries deeply about what comes next. The Department of Engineering Science is one of the top research departments in the country (it was ranked "outstanding" in the recent UGC research rating exercise) and Professor Wroth does not worry that his senior, established colleagues are going to disappear down the brain drain – the delights of Oxford academic life seem just that touch too seductive.

But the younger, more mobile people are a different matter, and they are the ones on whom the long-term future depends.

"What I'm really concerned about are the very bright people who have either just finished their first degree or their second degree. They look at the university system and say, even if they would like to be a part of it, 'what are the long-term prospects in the way of pay, facilities and research opportunities?'

" So there's a negative response about staying on and doing university work. And then, separately, if they go and work for some firm like GEC in their research and development labs, they'll not only have a salary up by a factor of two, but they may well have better resources in terms of equipment, computers, library support and so on. So we lose out both ways."

At the end of the day, says Professor *Wroth, his biggest* single problem is summed up in just one word "resources" – not just cash but the right quality of people to teach and do research.

The dilemma can be reduced to simple arithmetic.

"If I can set things in perspective", says Professor Wroth, "the Engineering Council has been trying to get *more resources for engineering* and is quoting a student/staff ratio of about 8:1 for departments doing a lot of research and 10:1 for those doing very little. We at the moment are something between 11.5 and 12....

"Our staff/student ratio by any measure of what a university should be like is just too high and my colleagues are really very hard-pressed."

The professor claims to be untutored in politics "but from my rather humble reading of politics and what's going on, I don't identify anybody in the present *government who really sees the* long-term investment that the country must make in education, not just higher education. I'm equally concerned about their attitude to schools."

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How women are engineering a quiet campus revolution

The days when the phrase "woman engineer" seemed almost a contradiction in terms have gone. Pockets of resistance and ignorance remain but generally the prejudiced attitudes that persisted to the 1970s have vanished.

Oxford's Department of Engineering Science has been steadily increasing the number of women recruited at undergraduate level — 22 in 1983, 41 last year — which was 25 per cent of the total intake.

Women now represent one in five of all engineering undergraduates. That still compares unfavourably with the figures for the university as a whole (where women now represent two-fifths of the undergraduate population), but compared with 10 or 20 years ago, is positively revolutionary.

Women are also making a greater impact in the research laboratories. Of the intake of 30 to 40 research students a year, five or six are women. The absolute numbers are not large, but 10 years ago, says Professor Peter Wroth, Head of the Department of Engineering Science, it would have been exceptional to have one.

There is prejudice in Oxford, but it is of a diffused kind. Alison Noble, aged 22, who won a first-class degree last year and is now doing research, says she still finds that women (and particularly those in all-women colleges) are in some ways considered second-class people. But she has found no prejudice at all in the engineering department. Perhaps, she thinks, that lack of discrimination among her peers is a reflection of the fact that one tends to mix with people of like mind.

As for employers, she says, it may even be a positive virtue to be a woman — potential employers seem very keen to have women though "you're never quite sure whether it's to improve their statistics or whether it's a genuine interest in you."

Miss Noble says she does notice some differences in the way male and female engineers behave.

"Girls are willing to admit they're wrong and men aren't, normally. In practicals girls are quite willing to say 'I just don't understand; help me'. In a way that gives you the appearance of being a bit on the weak side, but the lads will quite happily sit playing around and getting nowhere and just pretending that they do know what they're doing...and they don't.' "

Alison Noble: a need for more role models

One disappointing fact about women engineering students is that, compared with the men, their degree results are not quite as good.

"I think overall, to be perfectly honest, the girls do worse in the exams. I think that's partly because they're expected to do badly, or rather you're not expected to do well."

In the end, she suggests, it may boil down to something as simple as lack of role models. She draws a parallel with the maths results at her own college, St Hugh's, which will admit men for the first time this October. They had not been particularly good, until the arrival of the teenage mathematical prodigy, Ruth Lawrence. Suddenly, in her year, the maths results were far better.

"It's probably just a case of 'if she can do it so can I'. So the results were better all round. You need to have the example set in the first place", says Alison Noble. "I didn't expect a 'first', mainly, I think, because nobody had done it before me in the year above me or the year above that."

She hopes that, to a certain extent, she will herself become a role model for other women engineers.

As for persuading even more women to read engineering, the move to mixed status by some of the former single-sex women's colleges is clearly having an impact.

St Anne's and Lady Margaret Hall, for example, would not in the old days have encouraged engineering applicants because they had no engineering tutor in the college. "If a girl said 'I want to do engineering,' and they admitted her," says Professor Wroth, "she was then looked after, perhaps a little bit reluctantly, by a physicist or a mathematician who wasn't comfortable with being responsible for an engineer.

"That's dramatically changed because Lady Margaret Hall and St Anne's have actually now got full engineering Fellows who are then going to be recruiting engineers for those colleges. Those colleges, because of their history, have got rather strong links with the girls' schools."

Another important factor in recruiting more women undergraduates is the so-called Insight scheme, which is funded by the Engineering Industry Training Board and gives schoolgirls a week at university or polytechnic, learning about engineering.

Second-year undergraduate Jillian Cruwys, who did an Insight course at Southampton University, says she had no idea at all before the course what engineering at university was like. "None of the teachers was much help," she says.

The Insight course helped tip the balance for her.

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Next: the age of the everyday robot

More than 300 papers have been submitted to the world's first international conference on computer vision being organized at Oxford University by Professor Mike Brady, the head of Information Engineering. Only 50 papers were expected; the response reflects the level of interest being shown in the development of intelligent robots.

Several leading companies, with both civilian and defence interests, have donated large sums of money, and in some cases equipment, to help establish the research team Dr Brady is gathering together to investigate the field of "robotics".

The Central Electricity Generating Board and the Scientific and Engineering Research Council have spent £228,000 funding research into fine force control for an industrial robot, while British Petroleum's desire for accurate exploratory work in extreme locations and environments has made it adopt a key role in paying for the scientists working on sensor integration and artificial intelligence. BP, Thorn EMI, GEC and some defence departments are funding parallel research into the development of an autonomous guided vehicle (AGV).

Though the Information Engineering course is only a year old, having been started by Professor Brady after his six-year stint as senior research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's artificial intelligence laboratory, its total research budget is well on the way to £2 million and it has 20 full-time scientists.

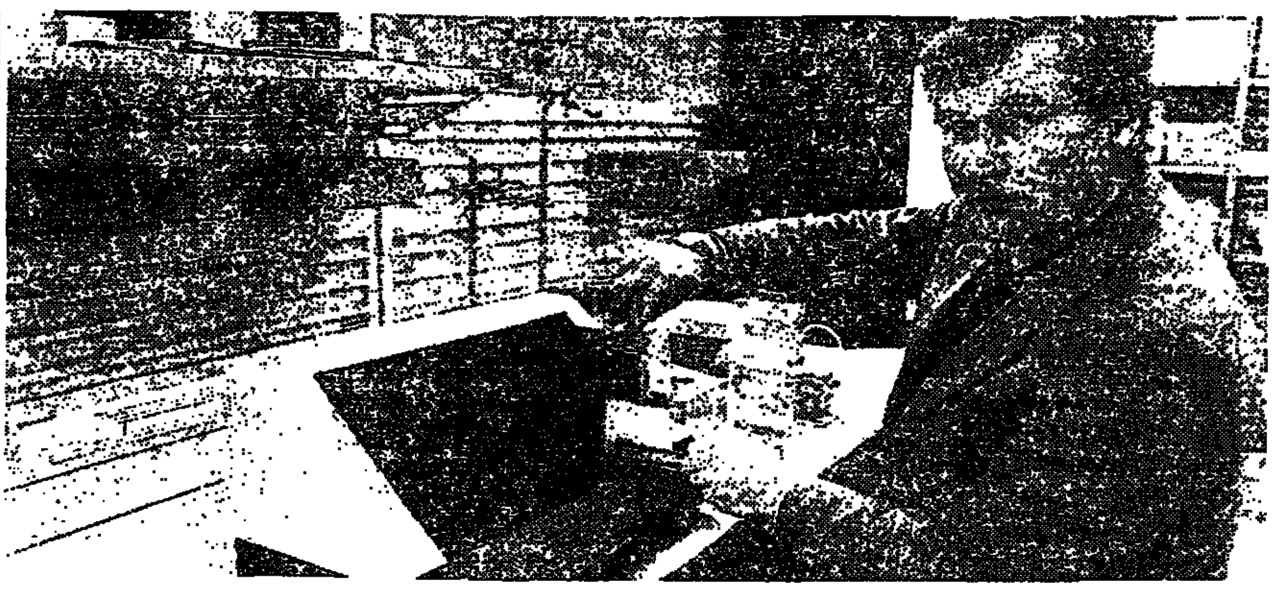
The strong element of international co-operation behind research at this level is valuable. The NSK corporation of Japan was quick to supply Dr Ron Daniel with several expensive direct-drive motors for use in the design of advanced robot arms, expecting in return to be assured of expert evaluation of the motors' capabilities, while companies such as Hewlett Packard and Sun Microsystems have provided advanced computers.

Government funding for Professor Brady's research work comes from defence corporations such as the Royal Artillery Research and Development Council, and from civilian bodies like the SERC. Often grants from private companies are matched pound for pound under the aegis of a number of co-ordinating bodies, like the Alvey Directorate, set up over the last eight years to control the outflow of information technology from Britain.

Professor Brady said: "When computers were invented in the 1940s, the US Congress figured, indeed IBM figured, that there probably would not ever be more than 200 computers in the world, because there was no need for them. They had no way of understanding how all-pervasive the ideas of computation would become.

"There is no reason to believe that robots will not be at least as diverse in their application in 40 years' time as computers are today in relation to how they were 40 years ago. We barely understand the new industries."

Guy Ker


Dr Brian Bellhouse: developing machines that ultimately will save increasingly scarce blood supplies

New urgency for studies in blood

The AIDS crisis has created an unprecedented demand for uncontaminated blood supplies which in many instances medical facilities have been unable to supply.

With latest health department forecasts predicting that by next year the number of AIDS cases will have increased ninefold, a real urgency has been bestowed on the work being carried out by Dr Brian Bellhouse in the Department of Engineering Science's Medical Engineering Unit.

Dr Bellhouse, who has set up his own independent company to market his devices, is developing several machines whose ultimate effect will be to save increasingly scarce blood supplies.

In collaboration with the Oxford Blood Transfusion Service, a machine is being built which will be able to separate plasma from blood, through a special membrane filter.

Apart from greatly reducing the risk of viral contamination, the device will allow donors to give plasma alone, keeping the other ingredients of the blood which hospitals do not require but which are currently jettisoned after plasma extraction.

A machine which is already being sold worldwide allows doctors to test the quality of "platelets" in blood supplies.

These cells constitute a vital clotting mechanism whose death quickly compromises the value of the blood to patients undergoing serious surgery or cancer therapy.

By being able to test their strength, doctors are able to rationalize the use of blood supplies.

Dr Bellhouse said: "AIDS has made this sort of job that more urgent. If blood is in short supply, which it is, it must be used carefully and wisely.

"There must not be wastage. There must not be over-prescription just to try to ensure that enough platelets get through."

The artificial membranes developed by Dr Bellhouse, again in conjunction with hospitals in London and Oxford as well as the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, allow blood to be oxygenated during open-heart surgery without the destruction to red blood cells caused by machines which bubble oxygen through the blood.

The work has major implications for the future of heart surgery and the use of life-support systems, especially on infants whose lungs are often ruined by being exposed to raw oxygen.

In the biochemistry laboratory, work is progressing, with the help of a major grant from the Wolfson Foundation, on building special "affinity columns", which will allow doctors to extract poisonous proteins from sick patients, again without having to waste large amounts of the patient's blood.

Though the AIDS scare has imparted a particular urgency to Dr Bellhouse's work, the Medical Engineering unit is involved in several other projects whose success will have a great bearing on medicine, especially in the field of orthopaedic medicine.

Collaboration with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre produced the Oxford Artificial knee in 1976, which was manufactured and further refined by Biomet, a Bridgend-based company.

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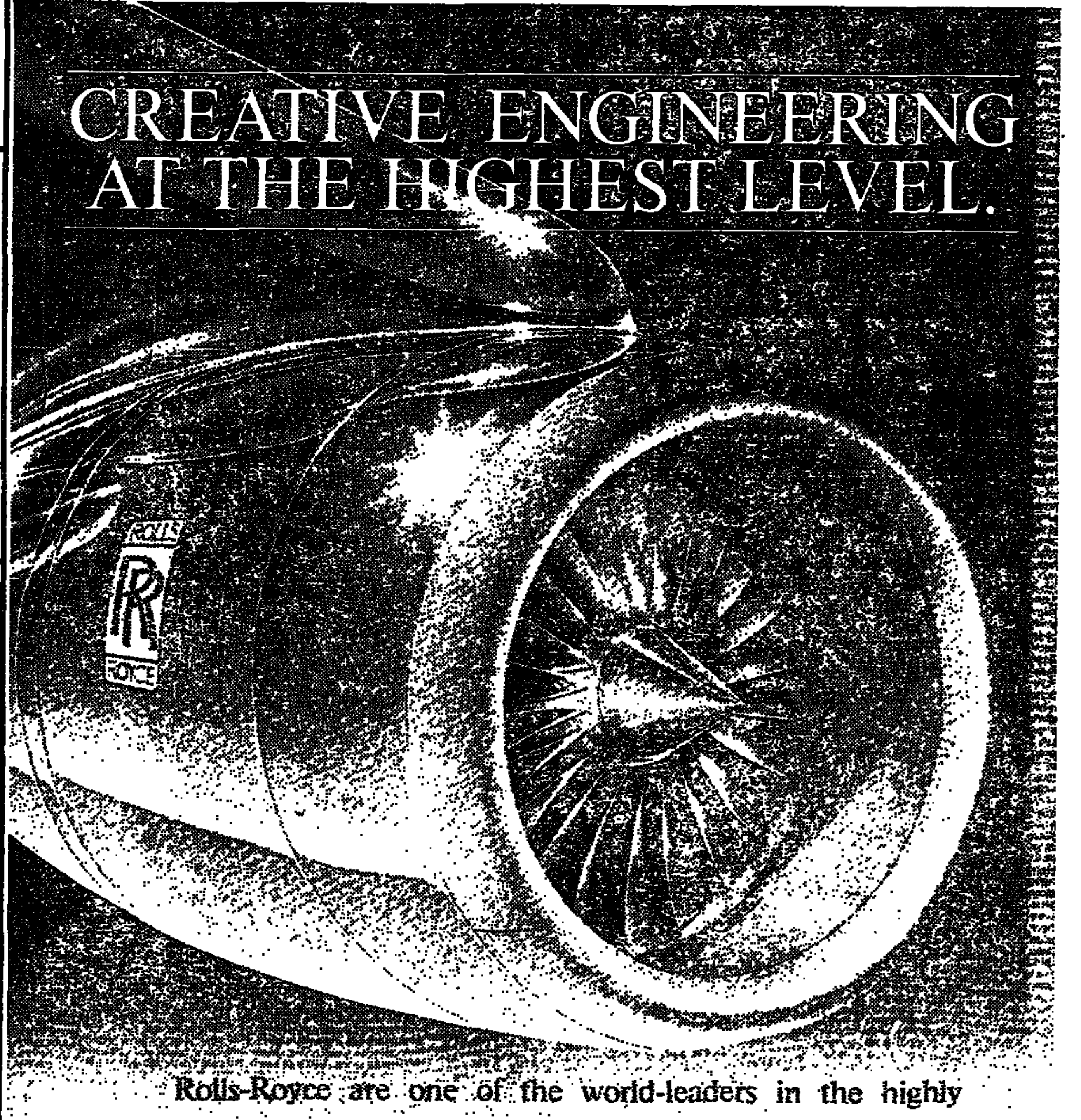

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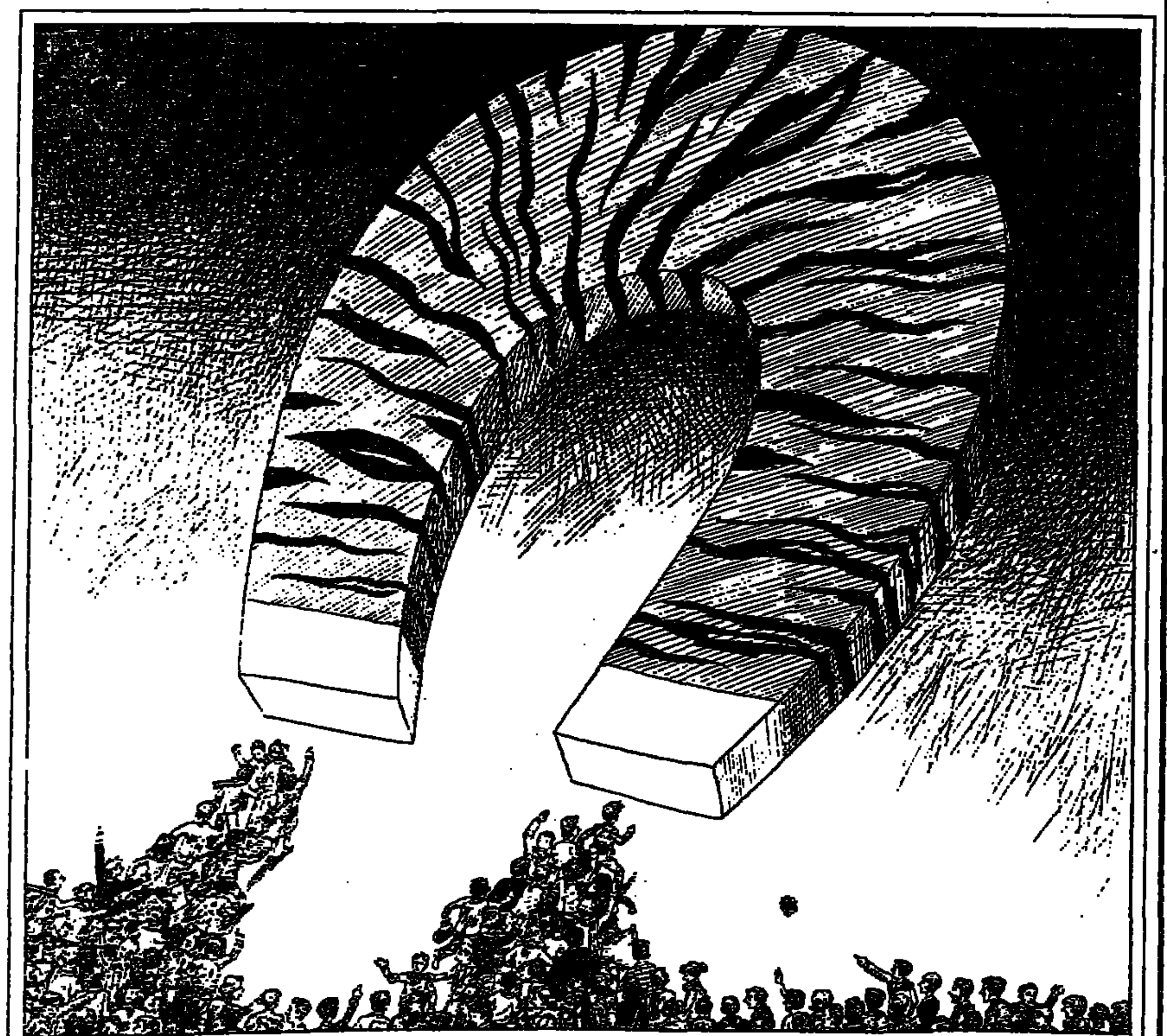

Making industry more attractive is all a question of pull.

Industry Year 1986 began against decades of negative industrial attitudes.

'Britain is a curious paradox of an industrialised country with an anti-industrial culture,' summed up Alistair Burt, MP, in a parliamentary debate on 20th November 1986.

Yet he also had some cheering news about the success of Industry Year in his region, the north-west.

With the major thrust of Industry Year to strengthen links between industry and education, 270 secondary schools (50 per cent of the north-west total) are now linked with local companies. It is double the figure for 1985.

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Why scientists are trying to score at molecular Lego

The assimilation of chemistry and electronics into "molecular electronics" is the pursuit of Professor Gareth Roberts, the Department of Engineering Science's Visiting Professor and simultaneously the research director at Thorn EMI.

A highly competitive field whose best-known product is the liquid crystal display unit on electronic gadgets, the subject has become the flagship of the Government's recently announced Link programme providing a £400 million bridge between industry and university.

Its advance over the last 15 years has already influenced everday life, having improved greatly the efficiency of common machines such as Xerox duplicators.

The challenge now lies in the field of "super molecular electronics", where scientists hope to create stable, three-dimensional molecular systems which could replace two-dimensional molecular assemblies in computers and lead to massively improved capabilities in artificial intelligence.

Professor Roberts' research group at Oxford comprises eight people; that at Thorn EMI's scientific research unit at Hayes, in London, has 300.

The team at Oxford is engaged in what Professor Roberts described as "molecular Lego" through work on *Langmuir Blodgett* films and interest has centred on the potential for developing superior devices in a wide variety of fields, including infra-red detection and acousto and opto electronics and chemical sensors.

The scientific overlap between industry and university creates its own results, Professor Roberts argued. Universities contact companies to invite them to fund certain projects, and companies realize the importance of keeping abreast of university research work.

But there are big differences, too: industry's commercial appetite and its experience of research management on a vast scale, involves different imperatives and time scales which have not always accorded well with universities' bent for "pure" research.

"The message has now got through that strategic research is very important. Of course, it is essential to make an allowance for erudite, long-term research, but when you have a country in a state like Britain, it's important to get the balance right.

Professor Roberts has experience in industry as well as in academic positions

"If you want to improve the gross national product, the best way is to develop high-technology products and sell them abroad."

"Industry has always managed to combine several disciplines, but I think this is happening in universities, too.

"There's a reorganization going on and the traditional compartmentalization of the university is breaking down."

Professor Roberts has experience in private industry as well as on academic and administrative positions such as the University Grants Committee, and stresses the need for greater European collaboration on complicated projects such as high-definition television.

He is impressed, though, by the success generated by Oxford University's Department of Engineering Science in its collaboration with industry. His appointment as a professor funded by industry is pertinent, bringing to the university management capabilities required in industry.

The process of cross-pollination is furthered by industry-sponsored research scientists, who create access to information in both camps, and by the increasing number of CASE studentships where a postgraduate is jointly funded by a research council and an industry to undertake specific research.

Though Oxford has no specific "technology park" funded by industry, its physical proximity to the high-tech areas of the Thames Valley renders this largely unneccessary, Dr Roberts said. There is also the university's success in spawning its own commercial enterprises to take advantage of the product opportunities created by its scientists.

Dr Roberts said: "Oxford encourages academics in the production and marketing of their finds, and a number of names, such as Oxford Instruments, spring to mind.

"Scanning and optical microscopes were developed here by the Department of Engineering Science, while the British Technology Group makes most of its money from the patent on an antibiotic developed in the Life Science's Department."

Guy Ker

Research that takes on a Rolls-Royce gloss

The temptation to forget that students exist during the mental exertions required by advanced scientific research is firmly resisted by Professor Don Schultz, who works closely with Rolls-Royce in the development of high-pressure turbine engines.

His colleague, Dr Carlos Ruiz, is engaged in the field of blade containment, seeking to develop designs and materials for engine casings that will protect passengers from the kind of avionic disaster that occurred in Manchester in 1985.

The two men are engaged in work with crucial significance for the future of one of Britain's largest industries.

Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Professor Schultz recognizes the vital importance of teaching, and lists it with "professional pride" as the two greatest motivational factors behind his work.

The link between the large-scale research industrial project and the university undergraduate is vital, he said.

The student grasps through the professor's work that the concepts and laws being learned play a vital role in how the "real world" is structured, and on leaving university he or she is better prepared for an industrial career.

The point helps to explain the kind of work that Professor Schultz does for Rolls-Royce, a company with a £2 million stake in the academic world.

His role is at the theoretical end of the development process, in this case establishing constants in the laws and dynamics of heat transfer.

Professor Don Schultz: work on the development of high-pressure turbine engines

By proving, through controlled experiments, how an engine will behave under certain conditions, "code validation" is established and the design method can then be used by Rolls-Royce engineers without fear of error.

"If you have to modify the way an engine is being built midway through production, it is a disaster," Professor Schultz said. "The more the theory is validated, the better it is for us all.

"Rolls-Royce has a motto: 'Next time, get it right first time.' Otherwise it is phenomenally expensive."

In 1974, Professor Schultz and his colleagues developed a testing machine called the "Isentropic Light Piston Compressor", which simulates engine conditions for testing components for up to a fifth of a second's duration – long enough to gauge heat-transfer patterns and aero and thermo dynamics.

The work he is about to embark upon with Rolls-Royce is commercially confidential and he will reveal nothing about it, apart from generalized hint about the history of engine design.

"The development of the engine is incremental," he said. "They are so well developed now that we are looking at fractional improvements in performance."

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Making more friends for the mighty micro

The microchip is everywhere in engineering – design, robotics, image processing, performance control – but industry still complains it is not getting enough computer-literate engineers.

Oxford's new four-year joint honours course on Engineering and Computing Science is intended to produce graduates who are trained not only to the highest level in the principles of engineering but also have a firm grasp of information technology.

Finding the mathematical keys to unlock language was one of the first steps in the development of computer programming. A significant contribution was made by the Programming Research Group at Oxford University's Computing Laboratory and it helped confirm the growing status of mathematics as an aid to solving practical problems in what has become the most phenomonal growth industry of the last decade. IBM was doing similar work in Vienna.

By developing a science and technology of programming so that people could write programmes which did what they were supposed to do, it was logical to want to produce the tools which effected these ends. The birth of "software engineering" led to the start of a computation course designed to give students a theoretical and practical understanding of how programmes are developed.

The Computing Laboratory saw the need to bridge the gap between engineering and this essentially mathematics-based development. University Grants Committee initiatives provided the wherewithal, and courses have been set up whose ultimate objective is to equip students with knowledge that will be vital to the future of Information Engineering.

Joe Stoy: bridge-building

For example, as computers are increasingly linked on tasks such as airline booking systems, there is a need for people who can describe exactly what is going on, both with a view to responding to problems and also to increasing existing capabilities. Likewise in the field of control electronics, for example in chemical plants where computerized sensors combine with motorized controls, the application of mathematical and engineering principles to information technology has to be understood.

According to Joe Stoy, a senior member of the Computing Laboratory who has been involved in setting up the new Engineering and Computing Science course, there is no real mystery to these objectives.

He said: "What we're trying to do is build bridges between the disciplines, to teach people to see how each side helps the other."

☐ One of the criticisms of big firms like GEC, Plessey and Racal is that many professional engineers simply do not know enough about developments in material sciences.

A two-year spell as chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority convinced Professor Sir Peter Hirsch of the pressing need to produce graduates who combined the skills of engineers with a thorough knowledge of the properties of the materials they were expected to work with.

Having acquired first-hand evidence of the expensive and potentially dangerous failures that had occurred when these properties were inadequately understood, he was, as head of the Department of Metallurgy and Science of Materials, in a position to take remedial action.

Professor Sir Peter: action

At the same time, the department's close relationship with the semiconductor industry, for which it undertook extensive research, underlined the need for a similar approach in the field of electronics.

With the University Grants Committee prepared to back the development of new courses, Sir Peter tested the water.

A favourable response from companies like Austin Rover, Rolls-Royce, British Telecom and Alcan confirmed that industry strongly supported the idea, so a course on Electronic and Structural Materials was established. .

The university's engineering faculty, which was traditionally reluctant to accommodate the teaching of materials if it meant engineering subjects being dropped, accommodated the new course.

According to Sir Peter, the collaboration has transformed the relationship between the two departments and created huge spin-offs in research and teaching for both subjects.

He said: "While materials scientists and engineers often work together on new projects, the lack of a common language has created enormous difficulties.

"Apart from the possibility of actual disasters occurring when materials fail, and apart from the financial disasters that ensue when materials don't last long enough to justify the cost of setting up production, there is also the need for industry to be aware of new materials, for example, ceramics."

Sir Peter stressed that this was particularly true in electronics, where scientists have to know that they can fabricate materials that behave in certain ways before they can develop new devices.

The first batch of 20 undergraduates is now midway through the first year of the course, which starts with engineering.

By the fourth year, the students will have to choose whether to branch into the specialized fields of electronic or structural materials. **GK**

Helping students manage in industry

Oxford's Engineering Economics and Management course has in some ways become a victim of its own success, according to one of its chief architects, Dr Nigel Slack.

By informing students about management, and by organizing six-month placements with industrial companies, the course exposes the students to what Dr Slack described as the "shortcomings" in the way British industry regards and treats graduates.

Since candidates for the course have to have performed exceptionally well in their first-year engineering examination, they quickly resent not being taken seriously during the placement and are therefore likely to be easy prey for jobs in management consultancy.

"A lot of industrial companies are very bad at how they exploit engineering graduates," said Dr Slack, who is responsible for placing students in industry. "At the end of the course the graduates are under no illusions about what it's like to work in industry."

The ensuing loss to Britain's engineering industry is something Dr Slack greatly regrets, although he is keen to stress that it is by no means universal. Since being set up in 1979 by Templeton College (formerly the Oxford Centre for Management Studies) in conjunction with the university, the course has produced up to 25 graduates a year, many of whom have pursued careers in the engineering industry.

Students on industrial placement are required to work and report on a specific project, and their efforts are jointly assessed by the university and the company. The assessment is twice as important as the examination, which puts an added onus on the individual's personal qualities. Neither Simon Redvers, a fourth-year student who has just completed a project on ship-wiring cable with Pirelli General, nor Mark Lewis, on placement with Racal, seemed perturbed by this.

Both undergraduates said that undertaking a set project had given them a good idea of how the company worked. The methodology required to organize research within a company situation was useful to their academic skills and had given them an insight into the importance of management in co-ordinating research and development with actual production.

According to Dr Slack, the course has helped the university take management seriously, both as a discipline and as a professional goal, while for the students it has helped redress what they both felt was a long-standing imbalance within the halls of British academia.

Said Simon Redvers: "People who want to study this kind of subject normally have to go to a polytechnic.

"It's a shame that at the top end of the educational spectrum there isn't a lot more taught about business."

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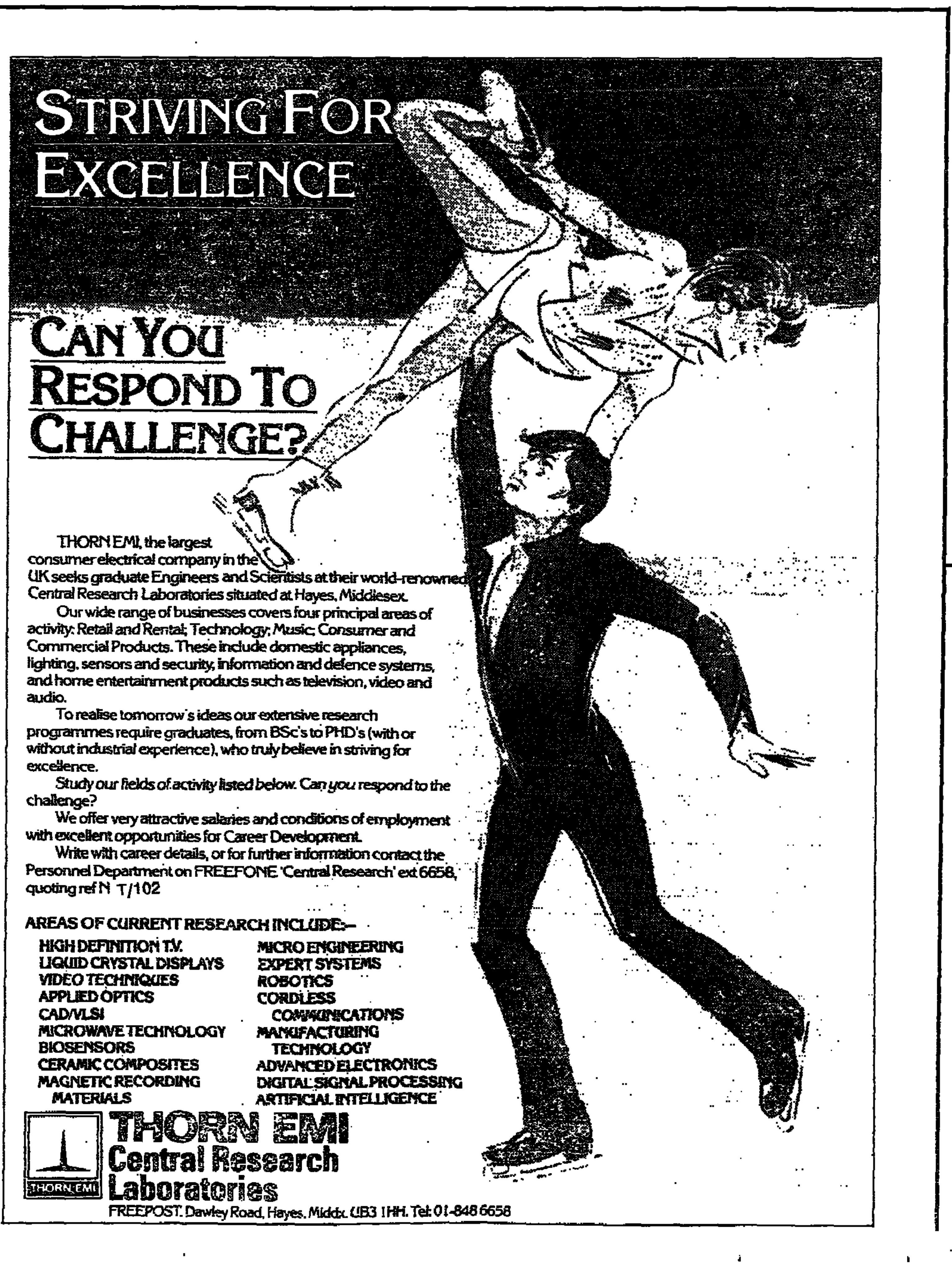

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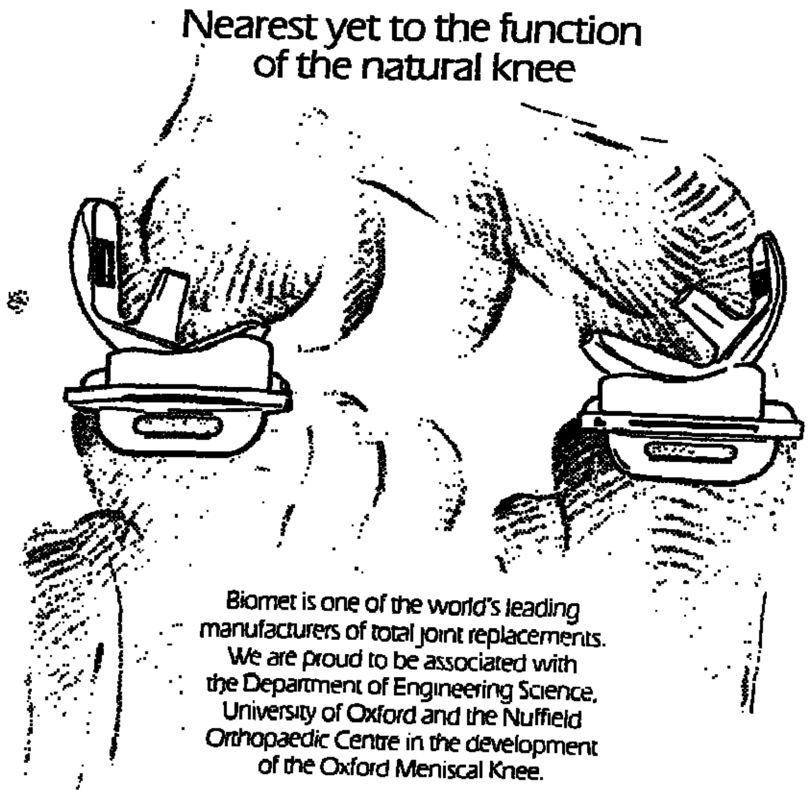

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Head of Department

£22,138–£24,139

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Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Personnel Department, Brighton Polytechnic, Mithras House, Moulsecoomb, Brighton BN2 4AT. Telephone Brighton (0273) 693655, ext 2536.

Closing date: 27 February 1987

Solicitor to the Council

c. £16,000 p.a.

Applications are invited from qualified Solicitors with sound local government experience for this challenging post.

The successful applicant will be responsible for providing a comprehensive legal service to the Council and will head a small but busy section. The principle duties will cover a wide and interesting range of legal work with particular emphasis on representing the Council at Public Inquiries arising from Planning and Enforcement Notice Appeals.

The Babergh district covers an attractive part of South Suffolk and the Council has modern town of Hadleigh 10 miles from Ipswich and within easy reach of the coast and London. Generous re-location expenses are payable in approved cases and propety prices compare very favourably with the Home Counties.

Further details and an application form are available from Personnel Services Officer, Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich. Telephone (0473) 822801 Ext. 125.

Closing date: 4th March 1987.

Babergh
DISTRICT COUNCIL
South Suffolk

County Emergency Planning Officer

£17,538 – £18,720.

This post has become vacant upon the retirement of Group Captain L.U Matthews.

You will report directly to the Chief Executive, and the Public Protection Committee; and lead an Emergency Planning Team in undertaking the preparation and co-ordination of all major contingency plans in the County in accordance with the Council's statutory responsibilities. The peacetime planning role is challenging; within or adjoining the County are two major nuclear plants, the Vickers Shipbuilding complex, a major gas installation and various chemical plants.

For administrative purposes the Emergency Planning Team is within the County Secretary's Department and is based in Carlisle.

Applicants should have substantial administrative and organising experience at senior level, and a capacity to think constructively. The post requires close liaison with other Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Government Departments, and Industrial and other organisations. Previous involvement in emergency management or a related field is essential. Essential Car User Allowance available.

Further details and application form from A. Fraser, County Secretary and Solicitor, The Courts, Carlisle CA3 8LZ. Tel: 0228 23456 Ext. 2212.

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Application forms and fuller details are available from Carol Cole, Personnel Officer, Portland House, Church Street, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 2BB. Tel. (0684) 892700, Extension 208. The closing date is 6th March 1987.

HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

Anything to declare?

Customs and Excise officers do more than just stop you at Heathrow and ask embarrassing questions, says **Beryl Dixon**

A video shown to newly-appointed executive officers in the Customs and Excise Department begins with a view of an officer at work at Heathrow airport, and the words: "This is the image of HM Customs and Excise as most people see it – the uniformed officer who asks embarrassing questions about luggage."

The tape continues by featuring five young officers: three engaged in visiting, respectively, a large trader claiming relief from excise duty, a manufacturer registered for VAT, and a wines and spirits warehouse; one discussing tariff classifications on the phone with an importer, and finally a uniformed officer at Ramsgate.

The uniformed branch has a high profile – particularly with the current concern over drugs prevention. Only recently, the Chancellor announced the authorization of 700 extra posts, most for customs work.

But the department has three responsibilities: customs, excise and VAT. The customs branch deals mainly with imported and exported goods – freight or personal baggage; excise with the control of dutiable goods inland; VAT is familiar to us all.

Each branch has a range of duties. Customs staff, in addition to manning the red and green channels, also check that incoming freight is properly declared, deal with yachts arriving along the coastline and do work for other government departments. Rabies control, for instance, is a joint responsibility with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: drugs with the Home Office.

A big effort is put into drugs prevention. Vehicles and ships are "rummaged" by officers in boiler suits. Suspects must be searched. Drug smugglers are an inventive lot – from the car driver with just enough petrol to get beyond the port and the rest of the tank filled with cannabis, to the carrier who swallows the drug.

Excise officers collect the duty due on betting and gaming, tobacco, spirits and petrol, and also administer the duty relief schemes available to traders. One officer might visit bookmakers to check payments of duty, followed by a bonded warehouse – literally taking samples of wine or gin to ensure that the strength is as declared and the correct rate of duty is applied.

Another, dealing specifically with exporters, might visit regularly to administer relief due on both imported components eventually to be exported in finished products and on fuel the company uses in its own foreign-going aircraft.

Some additionally act as customs and immigration officers at firms' private airports. VAT control officers spend 80 per cent of their time in firms, from the size of IBM to the corner shop, looking at the premises to see whether what they see ties in with the records, and are worth their weight in gold to the Exchequer. Last year they discovered £500 million in undeclared duty.

These are the "out field" staff, working from regional officers, but the department employs over 25,000, some based in the large HQ offices in London and Southend, others in a smaller one in Liverpool. Work at HQ is concerned with policy, personnel and staffing. Then there are specialist investigation units.

Nationally the country is divided into 21 "collections", most of which cover all three branches. Southampton collection with 1,200 staff is one of the largest. Headed by Collector Steve Jones, an assistant secretary in civil service grading, it contains five seaports on a coastline stretching from Poole to Eastbourne, a number of creeks with yachting traffic, three airports, 17 breweries, four VAT offices and an oil refinery where 10 excise staff are permanently based.

The collector has three deputy collectors – one for each branch. Mr Jones stresses that such a division is not necessarily typical. "I divide the responsibilities by function, whereas some collectors give their deputies a geographical area to supervise." Next in the hierarchy come nine assistant collectors, each with a staff of senior and higher executive officers, assistant officers and clerical assistants.

The department uses its own titles but these are tied to civil service grades. Deputy and assistant collectors are equivalent to senior principal and principal respectively, while the assistant officers do the job known in other departments as clerical officer. It is the executive officers and above who are the managers and visiting officers. Lower grades assist them and do the clerical work, but in most offices also come into contact with the public, in person or by phone.

Richard Jempson, a uniformed executive officer at Portsmouth, has wide responsibilities. "Just look at that quay. We have to control everything happening out there." In the first half of his shift, three ferries had arrived, plus a load of unaccompanied cars requiring rummaging and freight vehicles to be cleared. "There's never time to sit still," he says.

Richard began as an assistant officer, dealing with arriving and departing ships, then moved to the export section. He got his promotion three years ago and became relief officer at a port, covering every job in staff absence. After two years he applied for a full-time preventive post.

He enjoys working with the public. "You meet people from all walks of life. Each passenger is different," he says – but also enjoys staff development work. In addition to supervising his own staff he spends periods helping the collection's training unit, by training new entrants on the job.

Alison Fry is a higher executive officer with a varied career behind her. She began as an executive officer in the Southampton customs office, as an entry processing officer, dealing with commercial importations. Involvement with staff training in her next section led her to apply for a permanent training officer post. She enjoyed that. "I met *everyone* on their introductory course, and it was interesting to see whether they developed as I anticipated." Last August she was promoted and, at her own request, moved to a VAT office.

Richard and Alison joined because they wanted contact with the public, and both have felt an increase in public support recently. "We've had an image reversal. People now say to us, 'We're glad to see you are doing something about drugs'."

Executive officers like Alison and Richard are recruited centrally by the Civil Service Commission between the ages of 17½ and 45 with two A levels (often degrees) or are promoted internally. Clerical officers and assistants (five and two O levels respectively) may join at any age and are appointed locally by the collections.

● **Further information from The Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke RG21 1JB.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Qualifications Division of The Institution is expanding its activities in Professional Affairs and Membership Development and wishes to make two appointments which may be based at either the Headquarters in Rugby or the Westminster office in London.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Membership Development Officer will be expected to support the Director of Membership Services in expanding The Institution's membership base. This will require liaison with The Institution's Branches, Universities and Polytechnics and also with companies throughout the process sector.

This work will involve some travel within the U.K. and periods of time away from home. The successful candidate is likely to be a Chartered Engineer with recent experience in industry. Good communication skills are essential as is the ability to work to a strategic plan.

It is expected that the post will be full time tenured and preferably based at the Rugby Headquarters.

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The successful candidate is likely to have had extensive experience in the process industries at management level, ideally with experience of training and professional development of technical personnel. As the appointment will initially be limited in tenure, it may well appeal to persons who are seeking or entering into early retirement. This appointment will involve regular travel in the U.K. and periods of time away from home. Good communication skills are essential.

This appointment could be based in London or Rugby.

Applications with full CV, including current salary level or expected salary level, should be sent to:

**Mr D B Firth
Deputy Secretary
The Institution of Chemical Engineers
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Closing date 27 February, 1987.

Bexley London Borough

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Please quote Ref: R18

Closing date: 17th February 1987.

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(for the attention of W.R. Edgar) OR:
Lepra, Fairfax House, Causton Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1PU (for the attention of G.F. Harris)

and an application form, job description and details of ILEP's work will then be sent to candidates ILEP wishes to consider.

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For an informal discussion, contact Derek Keeler, Chief Internal Auditor, on 01-686 4433 Ext. 2070. Application forms are available from Jean Scott 01-760 5560, and should be returned to Director of Finance, London Borough of Croydon, Municipal Offices, Fell Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 1BQ, by 27th February 1987.

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For an application form, to be returned by 2nd March 1987, and further details contact: Personnel Section, Stroud District Council, John Street, Stroud, Gloucester GL5 2HD. Telephone Stroud 6321 ext. 287.

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Application forms and further particulars from the Registrar, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG, (Tel: 0782 621111 Ext. 469).

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Closing date 23rd February 1987

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Further details and application forms from J.E. Burnet, Director of Economic Development, Economic Development and Corporate Policy Department, The Courts, Carlisle CA3 8NA.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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HORSHAM MAGISTRATES' COURT

APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK CC/PAB 5 - 9

(£10,167 - £11,673)

Applications are invited for the above posts from barristers and solicitors and persons qualified in accordance with the Justices' Clerk's (Qualification of Assistants) Rules, 1979. Salary will be according to ability and qualification.

Persons appointed will be officiating regularly in the full range of Courts and will have administrative duties and contact with computer procedures.

The post additionally includes court clerk duties at Crawley Magistrates' Court as necessary, together with clerking some of the Gatwick Airport offences *(which provides a wide range of cases) from the Crawley Court at Horsham.*

There is access to the Sussex coast and countryside with excellent travel routes available.

The appointment is superannuable and subject to the J.N.C. Conditions of Service as locally supplemented. A scheme provides allowances for removal, re-settlement and lodging in appropriate cases.

Confidential requests for application forms, (marking your envelope "COURT CLERK - HORSHAM") accompanied by the names, and addresses of two referees, one of whom should be a previous employer, should be made immediately.

D. M. REDSTON,
Solicitor,
Clerk to the Justices,
Crawley & Horsham Divisions,
Magistrates' Court,
Woodfield Road,
Crawley,
West Sussex. RH10 1XF.

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(£10,167 - £11,673)

II. APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK CC/PAB 1 - 5
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Closing date 13-2-87.

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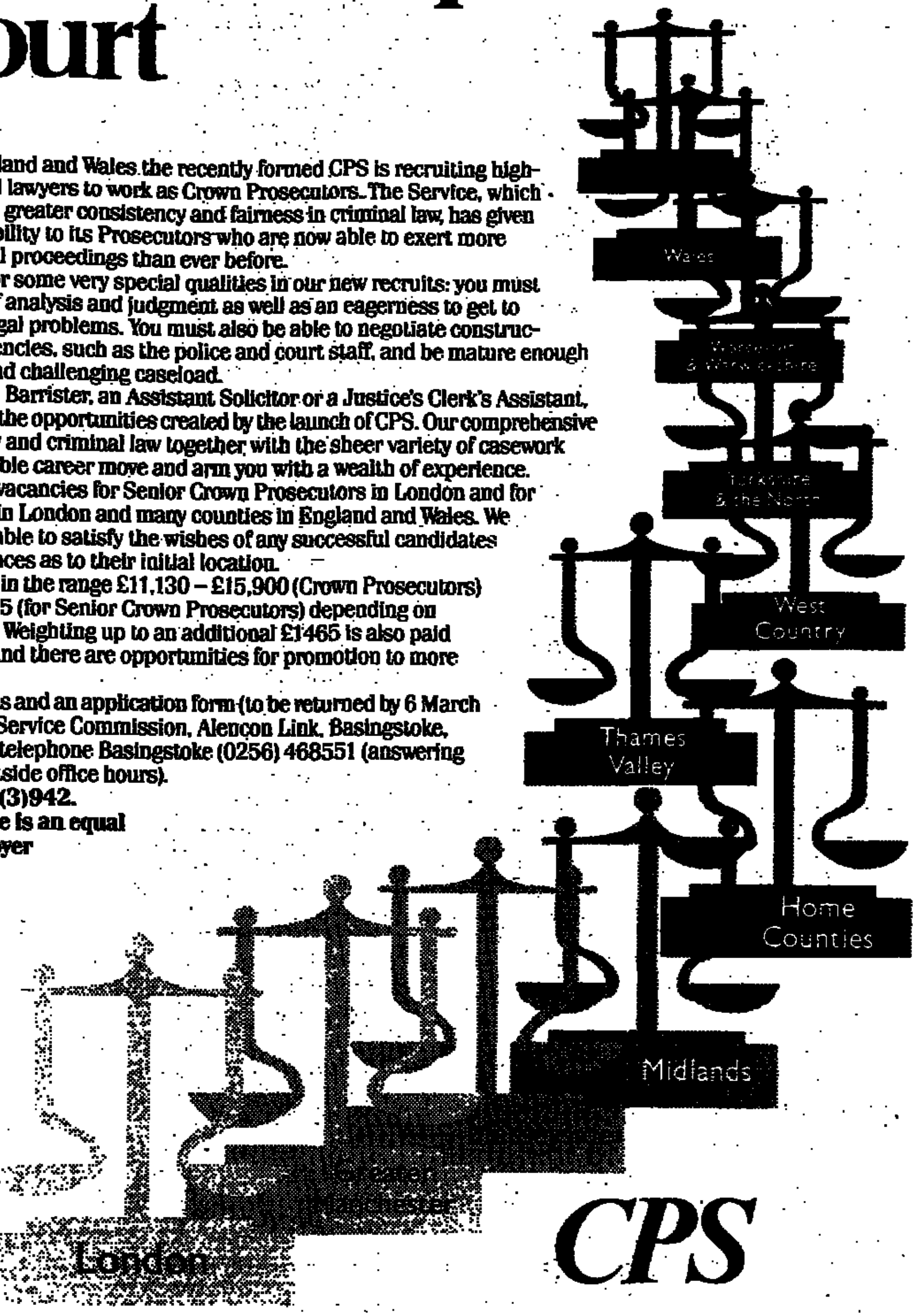

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RUGBY UNION

Brewers in record cash deal with RFU for the next three years

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union announced yesterday at Twickenham the largest sponsorship agreement the game in England — and, conceivably, elsewhere — has known. To a fanfare of military trumpets, Courage, the brewers, were revealed to have agreed a £1.6 million commitment to the game over the next three years for the privilege of supporting the new club competition which begins next season.

That will now be known as the Courage Clubs Championship and the sponsorship agreement will extend throughout the competition, from the three national divisions down to the county leagues. "After our match on Saturday in Dublin we need some courage," Alan Grimsdell, the president of the RFU said, not entirely as a joke, I suspect.

Courage have supported the game in England by way of the John Smith's Merit Tables over the last two seasons and were front-runners once the RFU's 1986 annual meeting had accepted the principle of an overall League structure for the country as drawn up by their competitions sub-committee.

During the inaugural season £500,000 will go towards the competition, of which £100.000 will be diverted to the RFU at Twickenham for advertising and hospitality purposes.

In the second year of the competition some £550.000 will be spent and £600,000 in the third year. The fine detail of how the money will be allocated has yet to be decided by the competitions sub-committee, whose chairman, Bill Bishop, said yesterday: "We will be meeting in the near future to consider how the money will be dispersed. We have a reserve fund but we don't anticipate at this point that a great deal of the money will be used in travelling. We don't see that as a problem right across the board."

Nevertheless, travel costs will be a major concern to some clubs, particularly those likely to meet in national division three where there could be a situation in which, for instance, Camborne play West Hartlepool.

The top three tables, encompassing the country's senior clubs, remain as merit tables for the opening season and retain the right to make their own fixtures although they have been encouraged to move towards the fixed League Saturdays which the RFU have named for clubs lower down the scale. How long that will last is debatable.

This season's results in the John Smith's tables have been radically affected by those clubs who have gained permission to de-merit matches and by the fact that placings are worked on a percentage basis.

Sooner, rather than later, I hope that the fixture making will be done by the RFU as part of a structured season building into the divisional championship in December. If they wish to split the club championship season, as Scotland do in their League, so that the climax occurs at the season's end that may work while the competition undergoes a settling-down period.

However, I see no reason, in principle, why the competitive half of the season should not be before Christmas, leaving the second half to the internationals and cup competitons.

As Bishop pointed out, however, the club championship would probably not have come into being if the senior clubs had not been given time to organize their own fixtures to meet competitive requirements.

Ken Phillips, chairman of the major clubs committee, said: "We have committed ourselves from next season to play a minimum of 10 (out of 11) matches each. We are very conscious of the situation of getting an impact for this competition and the whole question of which Saturdays should be played on will be going before the 24 clubs (those which make up John Smith's Tables A and B) on March 17. We are conscious of the responsibility we have to make this competition a success."

Rees: intelligent player and swift to the ball

Blanco's gambles pay off for France

By Chris Thau

No matter what Serge Blanco elects to do while playing for France, he gets the nod as he is one of those few who have got a licence to thrill. His superstar status entitles him to both excite the crowd with his artistry and to attack and frighten them with his unorthodox gambles in defence.

His sudden acceleration brings him blazing into the line from nowhere which, alas, he did only a few times on Saturday, while in defence his timing and tactical sense have saved France from many an embarrassment. Blanco's exploits have brought him the nickname of "Pele of Rugby", while his creativity has often been described as pure genius.

But in the game against Wales his flair for the unexpected was matched by a degree of physical toughness hardly associated with the wizard from Biarritz before. His ferocious shoulder charge which led to Thorburn's injury reveals a new Blanco — harder and meaner ready to challenge for the elusive title of the "undisputed master of the game".

"Of course I am sorry for what has happened to Thorburn," Blanco said. "I tackled him deliberately but I did not expect to do such damage. I am really sorry but this is the game. It could have happened to me as well. These are the risks of the full back position and I accept that myself."

Blanco believes that in each game there is a degree of the unexpected, or chance as he calls it, which defies the rules and the experience. This can be taken as much a definition for his artistry as for anything that goes on during the game.

"You gamble every time you do something no matter where you are or what position you play," Blanco said. "Sometimes the gamble pays off, sometimes it doesn't. It happens everywhere; in the scrum, in the lineout, on the deck or amongst the backs.

"Thorburn was unlucky to get hurt. But he was lucky earlier when his ball hit the post and then went through. I was unlucky to get my dropped goal charged down but I was lucky with a bouncy ball. I dropped the ball but it bounced back into my hands. This unexpected makes rugby a unique game."

This unorthodox definition of the game is probably as good as any and in this respect naturally Blanco has had words of praise for his Welsh peer, Jonathan Davies

"He is superb but he is solitary. There is none among the Welsh backs to match his talents. However, the Welsh are far stronger than we thought and the French media had underestimated them. I don't think there will be many teams to beat them this year. On the other hand it doesn't do us any good to be the favourites."

Changes needed in England pack but backs look secure

By David Hands

England's selectors will meet today at Nottingham to discuss the team to play France at Twickenham on February 21 and the B team, which also plays France, at Bath on February 20. The result of their deliberations should be known tomorrow.

It may be as well to have a longer breathing space in which to digest the implications of Saturday's five nations championship defeat in Ireland. It was not so much the result which came as a surprise but the nature of the game certainly did to those who have spent long hours planning and watching over the development of the current England squad.

It would be far too easy to suggest wholesale changes; every supporter of the game throughout the country will have declared on Sunday morning that he could have picked a better team than that which lost so ingloriously 17-0, based largely on his local proclivities. It is far more difficult to state categorically that any one player who was not in the team would have done better than one who was.

It is difficult, too, to envisage some of the players performing again as badly as they did against the Irish. The argument in favour of the current squad runs that one match, however disastrous, does not relegate them to the status of also-rans; they were, in the view of the selectors, the best available XV last Saturday morning even if, late in the afternoon, some of them were looking like yesterday's men.

There could, logically, be no change at full back and threequarter. Marcus Rose did not suffer concussion when he went off, and played well before that; the cynics might suggest that he showed considerable foresight in leaving the stage when he did. The threequarters had so little opportunity that they deserve another chance, with the proviso that Jamie Salmon presents a possible alternative as captain.

Richard Hill, who led the side on Saturday, is a combative player who has devoted himself to reaching international heights by sheer hard work where others with more natural gifts have attained the same level more easily. But when England lost their way at Lansdowne Road, so did he; his frustration was obvious and at times unseemly.

Salmon may not have many more caps (eight) than Hill (six) but three of them were for New Zealand who gave him his thorough grounding in the game. His position at centre may also help him to a more detached view of the game whereas Hill's close involvement sometimes appeared to blind him to the options away from the forwards.

Relieved of the captaincy Hill would be free to concentrate on his game and to striking a better relationship with Rob Andrew, his stand-off half. In the few opportunities allowed him Andrew put the ball into space and it was not his fault that over-eagerness on the part of colleagues spoiled the positions. If he has not now learned the penalty for missing touch, he never will.

Among the forwards I fancy Graham Dawe would be happier with Gareth Chilcott as his loose head prop. Wade Dooley, the Lancashire policeman, is happy with his fitness and must come into consideration at lock; it may be too early for Steve Bainbridge, his Fylde colleague, who has had only a couple of games back after a ten-week absence through injury. This is not to write off David Cusani, who deserved much more protection in his first international than he got, while Nigel Redman looked to be coming to terms with international rugby by the final quarter.

Dean Richards will not be fit to challenge for the No. 8 position — Leicester doubt if he will be ready to play this weekend after his knee injury — but Paul Simpson had a desparately unhappy time there and I would be tempted to move John Hall across from the blind side flank and bring in Gary Rees. All too often Peter Winterbottom was an isolated force on Saturday and Rees, an intelligent and underrated player, is as swift to the ball as anyone.

Scotland call off Kiwi tour match

By Ian McLauchlan

The cancellation of the Calcutta Cup match against England and of the McEwan's National League fixtures during January, added to the preparation of the international XV for the World Cup, has meant that the Scottish Rugby Union have been forced to cancel the only fixture of the New Zealand Barbarians in Scotland.

It was felt that their opponents, South of Scotland, could not field a fully representative side. National League games will be played on March 28 and be followed by an international squad session on March 29, the day scheduled for the New Zealand fixture.

As part of their World Cup build-up, a Scottish President's XV will play Spain at Kelso on Wednesday, April 15, with a start time of 6pm. The following Sunday the Spaniards will face Scotland at Murrayfield with a 2.30 kick-off. The Union are offering places at this match on a "go anywhere" basis at £2 for adults and £1 for children in the hope that they can attract a substantial crowd. It should be a good day at Murrayfield as there will be a curtain-raiser in the form of the Royal Bank youth final, starting at 12.50.

The SRU have come out strongly in their opposition to coaching on a commercial basis and have issued a statement regarding a course being advertised as the Andy Irvine School of Rugby. The player has withdrawn his name from the course and the SRU have stated that other players will be strongly advised against attendance at this or any other similar event.

The Union were at pains to stress that they ran several courses throughout the year for young people during which the philosophy of Scottish rugby was put across.

Dacey seeks way back

Malcolm Dacey, praised for the way he took over from the injured Welsh player, Paul Thorburn, in France on Saturday, does not see the full back position as his way into the team. The Swansea stand-off half, who had not played in the championship for three years, was pressed into action after Thorburn broke his collarbone just before half-time.

Although France came back from 9-3 down at the interval to win 16-9, Dacey was not held at fault. Thorburn is out of the whole championship, but Dacey knows that he is not a penalty taker, and says of his chances of continuing against England on March 7: "If I wanted to switch to full back I wouldn't even get in the Swansea team.

"Mark Wyatt is playing very well for us, and because he's a goal kicker, too, he could be the one to get an international recall now. I'll be delighted to play anywhere, of course, but I don't see my future at full back."

Jonathan Davies, despite being disappointed with his display in Paris, is the unrivalled No. 1 at stand-off half.

Schools results

Adwick 6, King Edward's, Sheffield 6; Belmont Abbey 4, Malvern 3; Manchester GS 12, Lancaster RGS 18; QEH, Bristol 13, Bristol GS 3; Queen Mary's, Walsall 12, Henry VIII, Coventry 12; Silcoates 10, Leeds GS 6; Woodhouse Grove 16, Hymers 4.

BASKETBALL

Kingston's rivals are given lifeline

By Nicholas Harling

It will be with the memory of one of the outstanding club performances in recent years that the players of **HFS Portsmouth** take the court at Tolworth tomorrow night for the match against **Polycell Kingston** that will resolve the Carlsberg National League championship.

Kingston's 91-85 defeat against **Sharp Manchester United** at Stretford on Saturday has thrown Portsmouth the lifeline they were depending on.

Their coach, Dan Lloyd, was a member of the Portsmouth team, which on an October night 16 months ago, on their only previous visit to Tolworth, defeated Kingston by 13 points with a display neither they nor any other English club has probably bettered since.

Neither Portsmouth nor Kingston won the League, which went to United, but with Portsmouth seeking inspiration, that is the occasion that Lloyd will be reminding them of tomorrow night, when their target is a 10-point win.

Anything less would mean that Kingston would regain the title they captured in 1985 by winning their last two games. A Kingston victory tomorrow night would assure them of the title, however.

Injuries have dogged Portsmouth's progress this season but Lloyd is hoping that Steve Nelson, who resumed training yesterday after spraining an ankle, will be fit to take his place in a fully fit squad. Of greatest relief to Lloyd is that Colin Irish and Alan Cunningham are available.

Portsmouth's comfortable 114-86 success against **HomeSpare Bolton and Bury** on Saturday contrasted sharply with Kingston's ordeal at Stretford, where Manchester United repeated their triumph in the Tournament of Champions final five weeks ago. With a crowd of 1,800 packing the court, whose official capacity is 1,400, United never relinquished the lead, which they held by 49-45 at half-time.

Brown charged through for some characteristic baskets while five three-pointers from Jones left Kingston with a leeway they could not make up.

In the battle for places in the play-offs, a basket in the last second by Young (40 points) gave **Leicester** victory by 100-98 over **Drapers Tools Solent Stars** and Saunders scored 52 points, the highest individual total of the season for **Sunderland** but still finished on the losing side, **BCP London** winning 118-112.

Calderdale Explorers sank the first 13 points of the second half on the way to their 119-104 win over **Alphaprint Royals** and **Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates** lost surprisingly at home, 99-88 to **Birmingham Heartbeat '86**.

LACROSSE

A shift in balance of power

By Peter Tatlow

The balance of power in the women's territorial tournament has shifted over the last few years as results at the All England championships have shown. Who would have thought that East would defeat Midlands 4-2, Combined Universities would beat Midlands, also 4-2, and that South would thrash North 12-1? It happened at High Wycombe over the weekend.

Midlands, with three internationals in the side, had little excuse and North should never have stuggled to beat East by only 5-4. But East being coached by that superb tactician, the recently retired England captain, Janet Guilbrid, had every reason to be cock-a-hoop.

The West, who won both their matches on Saturday, seemed to be challenging South until the England players, Sue Wilson (2), Caroline Purkhardt and Di Stearne gave South a 4-1 lead at half-time.

RESULTS: East 4, Midlands 2; West 11, Combined Universities 6; South 12, North 1; West 6, Midlands 5; East 4, North 5; Combined Universities 4, Midlands 2; South 1, West 7.

ATHLETICS

Affluent Lynch should rethink US preparations

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Budapest

It is difficult to argue with $30.000 — her prize for winning the Bali 10-kilometre road race on Sunday — but Liz Lynch has certainly blown her cover for next month's world cross-country championships.

Her distant wins in the Gateshead and Belfast cross-country internationals, on either side of Christmas, alerted British fans to the strong possibility of her winning the world title in Warsaw on March 21, should Zola Budd — winner for the past two years — prove anything other than fully fit, which is now the case.

But the world view of Miss Lynch was still based on her win in the Commonwealth 10.000 metres — a victory put in perspective by her fifth place in the much harder European 10,000 metres in Stuttgart three weeks later.

The European title was a runaway win for Ingrid Kristiansen, but the advances made by Miss Lynch this winter — since she has been coached by her Scottish compatriot, John Anderson — were amply revealed when she ran away from Mrs Kristiansen in the last two kilometres in Indonesia.

If Mrs Kristiansen cannot live with Miss Lynch over 10 kilometres on the road, then the Norwegian is unlikely to cope with the Scot over half that distance over the country.

Accordingly, there will be many more than her bank manager treating Miss Lynch with new respect, and it may well be that Mrs Kristiansen will now think it not worth her while to contest the Warsaw race.

Miss Lynch is on her way to the United States, where she is due to compete in three road races before returning to Britain in mid-March to make final preparations for Warsaw.

The one fear for Miss Lynch's future has been about her own impetuousness, and she would be well-advised to reconsider at least one of those three American races. After all, she does not need the money so much now as to ensure that she goes to Poland in optimum form.

Among the performances here — in the match against Hungary — that were as pleasing and promising as that of Miss Lynch were several that have secured places in the European team for their authors.

Janet Prictoe's personal best of 2min 2.79sec has ensured her addition to the 800 metres for the championships in Liévin, in northern France, on February 21 and 22, as have the fine 400-metre performances by Steve Heard and Paul Harmsworth.

Such is the competition among British athletes in most events nowadays that Heard and Harmsworth admitted that they had been far more nervous in contesting the AAA championships two weeks ago than this international fixture this weekend.

The pair join Todd Bennett in Liévin, and Heard said: "The way we are all running, I can see Britain having three runners in the final, along with two East Germans."

Dalton Grant's personal best of 2.34m sees him added to the high jump, along with Geoff Parsons, and Wendy Hoyte will run the 60 metres. Mark Rowland's fine win in the 3,000 metres will secure him a place in France if he can agree with his coach that he should go — otherwise, it will be John Hartigan.

Rowland would be the better bet. His 7min 50.63sec is the eighth fastest ever among what have been some great British performances in the past, and Rowland is clearly on much better form than his illustrious club colleague at Brighton's Phoenix Athletic Club, Steve Ovett.

The Commonwealth 5,000 metres champion is still feeling the aftermath of the bronchitis that caused him to run so poorly at the Millrose Games in New York 10 days ago.

Lynch: victorious

Barrington Williams did not produce the miracle of the sixth and last long jump here that would have given him the comic-book victory for which we had hoped The American competitor Larry Myricks, won with 8·24m, and Williams — though equal third on distance — was placed fifth on the best-second-jump rule.

He looked every inch the novice — even at the age of 31 — but he was unabashed by his first long-jump reversal in 12 years, for Williams is made of stern stuff.

"I knew I had to lose sometime," he said, "and I know my technique is appalling. But I learned a lot from just watching Larry, and I know what I have to do now to improve.

"I'm not going to compete in so many events at one meeting in the future, and I'll concentrate on the long jump.

EQUESTRIANISM

First-time sponsorship

Britain's show-jumping team have received recognition of their outstanding achievements over recent years with a first time sponsorship. The P and O company are to back the team, holders of the President's Cup World team championship, for £50,000 over the next two years. It will be split into £20,000 for this coming season and £30,000 for Olympic year.

The British riders will be defending their European title in St Gallen, Switzerland, and in the Seoul Games they will be trying to improve on the silver won in Los Angeles.

The P and O Group are the parent company of Earls Court and Olympia Ltd and are making their first venture into sports sponsorship. Ronnie Massarella, who has guided British team fortunes as Chef d'Equipe for more than a decade, was delighted by yesterday's announcement.

He said: "It is very welcome. To bring home international honours the senior team has to travel extensively and with constantly rising costs the team was becoming a substantial drain on the finances of the British Showjumping Association."

MOTOR RACING

Big plans for Porsche

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Porsche are to compete for the first time in the Indianapolis 500 — the most-famous motor race in the United States — and are building their own V8 turbo-charged engine and single-seater racing car for next year's event.

The German sports car maker's decision will mean Porsche's first single-seater racing car since the American, Dan Gurney, drove the diminutive Type 804 1.5-litre Formula One car for the company in 1962.

For more than a decade, Porsche have put the full backing of their factory teams into long-distance sports car racing, winning the Le Mans 24-hour race 11 times and the sports car world championship 12 times.

Indianapolis is dominated by British firms at the moment as the Cosworth DFX engine has won the last nine 500-mile races and March cars have taken the winner's laurels every year since 1983.

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Chancery Division

Tennis court cover is not tax-deductible 'plant'

Thomas (Inspector of Taxes) v Reynolds and Another

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment January 30]

Expenditure on an inflatable polythene tennis court cover that enabled professional tennis coaches to operate throughout the winter months had not been shown to be capital expenditure on the provision of "plant" and thus did not qualify for capital allowances under the provisions of sections 41 and 44 of the Finance Act 1971. The findings of fact by the general commissioners showed that that air dome was no more than the setting in which the tennis coaching business was being carried on.

Mr Justice Walton so held in the Chancery Division in allowing a Case I, Schedule D income tax appeal by the Crown from a determination of the Scarsdale General Commissioners in favour of the taxpayers, Mr Keith Reynolds and Mr Ashley Broomhead.

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; the taxpayers in person.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the taxpayers carried on a tennis coaching business in partnership.

They used two tennis courts and during 1982 they purchased for them the inflatable cover, an inflatable air dome, together with inflating equipment and a storage hut. It was erected each September and enabled them to carry on with their coaching inside it throughout the winter. After Easter it was taken away and stored.

Was the expenditure on that air dome incurred by the taxpayers on the provision of machinery or plant for the purposes of their trade within the meaning of section 41 of the 1971 Act?

The taxpayers had throughout appeared in person. The stated case provided no more than blinding glimpses of the obvious — that the dome provided shelter and warmth.

There was no statutory definition of "plant" but the golden thread that ran through the numerous decided cases was the distinction between that which was "plant" and that which was part of the setting, the place in which the trade was carried on.

The taxpayers had supplied the court with other facts which doubtless were true but which (not being facts found by the commissioners and included in the stated case) could not now receive judicial attention.

In particular the taxpayers said that part of the function of the dome was to diffuse the exterior flood-lighting and to create the natural atmosphere and conditions suitable for tennis coaching. Those facts would tend to show that the dome had a function to play in the taxpayer's business other than that of merely providing shelter from the weather.

In *Inland Revenue Commissioners v Scottish and Newcastle Breweries* ([1982] 1 WLR 322) the decor in a hotel, although part of the setting, was held to be "plant" because it was intended to create a particular ambiance that was of importance for that hotel trade.

Here the commissioners' findings were that the dome provided shelter and warmer conditions. It followed that if the case had been wrongly decided that was because the commissioners had not found any facts to show that the dome played a part in the running of the business carried on under its structure.

It followed that the Crown's appeal was to be allowed and the assessment made on the taxpayers for 1982-83 upheld.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

No written notice

Fowler v Minchin

Where a landlord sought possession of a former agriculturally tied cottage under Case 16 of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977, a term in the tenancy agreement that the tenant would vacate the cottage on 28 days' notice if the landlord required it for a farmworker would not satisfy the requirement in paragraph (*b*) of Case 16 that the tenant had to have been given written notice "that possession might be recovered under this Case".

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell) so held on February 2, when allowing an appeal by the tenant from a possession order made in Gloucester County Court (Judge Hutton).

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that until the landlord gave evidence his case had proceeded on the basis that no written notice in accordance with paragraph (*b*) had been given. It was submitted that, even if there had been a written document in the terms put forward, it would not comply with paragraph (*b*).

In his Lordship's judgment, a notice under Case 16(*b*) had to state quite specifically that possession might be recovered under the provisions of the Act.

The term in the present case was no more than a voluntary agreement that the tenant would give up possession. It did not indicate that the landlord would be entitled to go to court and require the tenant to do so.

Computer evidence

Sophocleous v Ringer

Section 69 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 [concerning proof of accuracy of computer-produced records] had no application to cases where a computer had been used as a tool to facilitate a speedy analysis to collate results. In such circumstances there was no need under section 69 for evidence as to the operation and accuracy of the computer.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson) so held on January 29 in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated of the defendant from the decision of the Harrow Justices that section 69 had no application in such a case.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Disclosing reports of both consultant and doctor

Ford Motor Co Ltd v Nawaz

Before Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr J. P. Bell and Mrs M. L. Boyle

[Judgment January 29]

When upholding an industrial tribunal chairman's order for discovery of medical evidence in an employee's complaint of unfair dismissal, the Employment Appeal Tribunal rejected the employer's submission that as a matter of principle and in order to avoid medical issues being the subject of debate between lay advisers, only the doctor's conclusions and not the consultant's report on which those conclusions were based, should be made available to the employee's representative.

The appeal tribunal dismissed an appeal from an interlocutory order made by the chairman of a London industrial tribunal last November in a complaint of unfair dismissal by the employee, Mr Ahmed Nawaz against the employers, Ford Motor Co Ltd.

Mr Nicholas Underhill for the company; Mr Paul T. Rose for the employee.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the employee had been absent from work between November 1984 and spring 1986, during which time he provided doctor's certificates that he was unfit for work.

The employers' own doctor examined the employee and found him fit for work. He agreed to be examined by a consultant nominated by the employers who confirmed that he could return to work. The employee refused and was dismissed on the ground of unauthorized absence.

In the course of unfair dismissal proceedings the employee's application for discovery of the doctor's notes and reports, and the consultant's report was granted.

The employers objected on the ground that when an opinion was sought from one of their doctors he gave a conclusion and did not enter into discussions. It was their policy that when management made a decision to dismiss they had only the conclusions of the doctor and consultant before them.

The question was whether disclosure was necessary for a fair disposal of the employee's complaint.

Rule 4(1)(b)(ii) of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985 No 16) gave a tribunal the same power to order discovery as a county court. Order 14 of the County Court Rules 1981 provided for discovery where necessary for the fair disposal of the case.

Although management were not in a position to weigh up the respective merits of conflicting medical evidence they were still bound to carry out a proper investigation as was necessary in any case of dismissal.

It was not unknown for highly qualified people to come to a wrong conclusion because they had been supplied with inaccurate information. There might have been a misunderstanding as to what a patient was saying and to look only at a conclusion did not necessarily give the whole picture.

The question whether the doctor did have sufficient material on which to advise management [illegible] answered [illegible]

There was [illegible] the doctor's and the [illegible] reports should be [illegible] appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Lovell White & King; Pattison & Brewer.

RACING

Knock Hill can supplement Cheltenham win

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Grand National heroes Last Suspect and Corbiere will help enliven proceedings at Warwick today when they contest the George Coney Challenge Cup Handicap Chase over an extended 3½ miles.

For Last Suspect, the winner of the 1985 Aintree spectacular, this will be his first race since he was pulled up there last spring. However, the lack of a previous race should not affect this character's chance because he has shown in the past that he is capable of winning first time out if he is in the right mood.

Indeed Corbiere's own supporters are well aware of Last Suspect's capabilities having seen him give their pride and joy a 15-length beating at Chepstow last March. However, that was at level weights and in receipt of 17lb this afternoon Corbiere has an obvious chance of getting his revenge and repeating his victory of 12 months ago.

While he remains a threat to one and all in races of this nature my feeling is that he will do well to beat **Knock Hill** who stormed back to form at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve with a 12-length victory.

The Irish National winner Rhyme 'N' Reason looked more like his old self when he finished fifth behind Stearsby in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown. At his best he would pose a serious threat but Knock Hill is preferred.

No matter how Corbiere fares his trainer Jenny Pitman can win with **Supreme Charter** (2.0) and **Mi Dad** (3.30). Supreme Charter, my selection for the EBF Novices' Hurdle, has been placed at Ludlow, Haydock and Nottingham already this season. His form looks better than that of his stable companion, the Leicester winner, Cantassium, and Ghillie Hills, beaten 20 lengths by Macroom at Lingfield in December.

Mi Dad's 12-length win at Hereford last Wednesday clearly took some by surprise because he started at 20-1. The fact remains, though, that he easily beat Ribobelle and Gala's Image and that was a commendable effort. He should only have to reproduce that form to win the Princethorpe Novices' Chase.

Today's nap is entrusted to **King Retain** who will carry the colours of local owner Basil Thwaites in the Ryton Novices' Hurdle. It was over the same course and distance that the same owner's Ten Plus won his first race last season and I believe King Retain can follow suit, even though he was beaten three lengths by Grey Salute here in December. Time may show that he was not disgraced that day and I expect him to prove too good for Framlington Court at these weights.

The Burton Hill Handicap Hurdle is a particularly tricky race but I side with **Averon** who showed signs of a return to winning form when finishing third to Fuego Boy over this course and distance in December.

He was noted making steady progress throughout the closing stages to finish only four lengths behind the winner and any softening in the going would be a considerable advantage to this noted mudlark.

◆ **Sunylyn** carries no penalty for winning at Hereford last week and should follow up in the Air Wedding Hunters' Chase at Warwick today (Brian Beel writes). Her main rival may be last year's winner Rugy but he must give 11lb to Sunylyn.

Conditions restrict Old Raby fields

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

The Old Raby Hunt Club's *inaugural point-to-point meeting* at Witton Park on Saturday was marked by relatively small fields, a result of restrictive conditions of entry.

The crowd was probably also affected by the return to hunter chasing of Earls Brig at Wetherby, and those who did attend were surprised to find themselves mixing with a large number of Hell's Angels spilling over from a nearby motor cycle rally.

However, the combination of a noon start and a five-race programme allowed some to take in the point fixture before dashing off to see Earls Brig win by four lengths.

Charlie Hall's Navigational Aid came down from the Jedforest in Scotland to win the mixed open race ridden by John Grossick. He had been headed at the 14th fence by Mike Sowersby on Catch That, who was still three lengths clear at the last, but Navigational Aid regained the advantage just before the line to win by half a length.

Jonjo O'Neill was represented by his wife Sheila's I Was Right, ridden by Les Hudson, in the restricted open. I Was Right disputed the lead with Pampering during the last mile but was the first to weaken and went under by one and a half lengths.

At the Waveney Harriers there was only one winning favourite, Random Leg ridden as usual by Jenny Pidgeon, in the RMC Ladies Open. Martinean, who normally finds it difficult to get the trip in point-to-points, stayed on well for Paula Claydon to finish second.

Kilwarden won first time out for Lucy Gibbon for the second successive year. The favourite, Buckman's Boy (Tommy Jackson), was beaten into third but showed enough to suggest that he will soon be winning a maiden.

Portmadoc, who beat the useful Swiftwood here in 1985, was a hot favourite to win the members' race on his return after a season's absence. However, he let down his supporters when falling, in a clear lead, at the 14th fence.

Knock Hill attempts to add to his Cheltenham victory in December in the George Coney Challenge Cup at Warwick today

Mixed fortunes greet Scudamore's return

Peter Scudamore, the champion jockey, returned to riding in Britain at Fontwell yesterday still smarting from the fine and four-day suspension imposed in Ireland on Sunday. He said: "I was very upset about what happened yesterday, but it was my fault."

However, his hopes of a swift visit to the winner's enclosure were dashed when his mount in the Pagham Selling Hurdle, the 13-8 favourite Splendid Magnolia, was no match for Le Grande Dame.

Le Grande Dame, who jumped well throughout for the conditional jockey Dean Gallagher, stayed on strongly in the closing stages to beat Fandango Boy by 15 lengths with Splendid Magnolia another four lengths behind.

Scudamore gained some compensation though when winning the closing Lyminster Handicap Hurdle on the Martin Pipe-trained Quickstep.

Stormy Prospect, rated a Triumph Hurdle prospect by his trainer Owen O'Neill, scored a fluent six-length victory in the Bishop's Wood Novices' Hurdle at Wolverhampton.

Carlisle abandoned

The meeting at Carlisle today has been abandoned. A proposed early morning inspection was brought forward to yesterday afternoon and Tim Riley, the clerk of the course, said: "It has been raining all day and the course is so badly waterlogged that there seemed no point in delaying a decision."

Difficulties ahead for ambitious all-weather plans

By George Rae

There has been no new track openedin Britain for almost 60 years but three of the seven submissions received by the Jockey Club for all-weather tracks propose such an eventuality. The reality, though, may be some distance from the dream.

Chinebourne Leisure Enterprises have been working on an all-weather track as part of a multi-purpose complex in Bournemouth but managing director, Paul Mulle, readily admits that they would not be in a position to race before 1990. He said: "When we researched our project we were unaware that the Jockey Club was also looking at all-weather racing and the fact we applied to them is largely a coincidence of timing.

"If the Jockey Club is aiming to implement all-weather racing within two years we could not meet that timetable."

Proposals for another new track, at Grays in Essex, also face obstacles. The application to construct a racecourse-hotel complex was passed on by the local Thurrock Borough Council to the Department of Environment, reflecting residents' fears of an increase in noise and traffic congestion. There will be a local public inquiry into the proposals in Grays next month, although I understand the council recently resolved to support the development.

Once the inquiry, expected to run for no more than two or three days at most, is complete there will be a further delay while the *Department* of Environment considers its decision.

The third application has been filed by a firm of architects on behalf of an undisclosed London company formally registering their intent to build a track, though there is, as yet, no indication of the location of the development.

A further application, on behalf of Stockton racecourse, faces a major problem. There has been no racing there since 1981 and the present owner of the course, businessman Lionel Amos, wants to build a shopping complex on the site.

A campaign, led by Lord Ronaldshay, to restore racing has the financial backing of the multi-millionaire racehorse owner, Terry Ramsden, but the issue is now in the hands of the local planning authorities. Both parties have applied for permission to pursue their respective objectives but if Amos's plan gains approval that will be the end of racing at Stockton.

The three remaining applications are from existing courses at Kempton, Lingfield and Doncaster. Each plans to lay an all-weather strip inside the present track.

The cases of Kempton and Lingfield rest on the granting of extra fixtures, although with one significant difference. Kempton, if granted the requested fixtures, would raise its own finance but Lingfield's funding, estimated in the region of £900,000 for the *track, depends on the attractive*ness of the dates.

Ron Muddle, the owner of Lingfield, said: "If we are asked to race on unpopular days, midweek during the winter, for example, then we would effectively be racing to suit the Levy Board and would want assistance.

"However, if we could be guaranteed a series of weekend fixtures, which would attract bigger crowds, we would look more favourably on putting up the money ourselves."

Don Cox, the general manager at council-run Doncaster, makes a similar point. "Our total costs would be between £1.2 and £1.8 million. Racing as a whole would benefit and we feel there should be contributions from a central source.

"The fact that Doncaster is run by the council does not seriously affect the issue. We are a trading undertaking, not rate-funded, and I am sure the council would treat favourably any project we felt would be viable."

The Jockey Club hold an informal meeting with the Levy Board on Friday and issues relating to all-weather surfaces are likely to be on the agenda.

GOLF

Langer's hunch proves all too true

From John Ballantine
Waialae, Hawaii

Bernhard Langer, returning from a visit to the beach at *Waikiki* with his wife, Vikki, and their nine-month-old baby, Jackie, last Friday after scoring a 64 in the Haiwaiian Open, encountered a friend and asked: "Who's leading?"

"You are, you and Fred Couples," came the answer. "Everybody else fell back."

"But what about Corey?" Langer persisted with a searching glance. The news that Corey Pavin's 75 had set Langer's rival well back in the field did not lessen the West German's obvious belief that Pavin was the man to watch. And how astute that prediction, three days before Pavin's victory on Sunday, turned out to be. Professionals possess an animal's intuition about the direction from which a threat is coming.

Pavin duly won at the second extra hole, sinking a 25-footer for birdie after his 64 had caught Craig Stadler's 70 on 270, 18 under par. "In my heart of hearts, I really thought that either Craig or Paul (Azinger) would win because the 18th suits their games," he said. But both rivals failed and Pavin took his second title of the year.

Pavin is riding high on top of the money list with $307,040 (about £205,000) after five events. What else would he like to achieve in 1987? "Any major title, I suppose," he answered. "My heart would say the British Open but my mind says the US Open."

Pavin expanded on his interest in the British. He was, of course, on the European tour in 1983 when he won the German Open and the Calberson Classic in France. "In my dreams," he said wistfully, "I have visions of myself walking up the last fairway of St Andrew's or Muirfield as the winner and having to break through the crowd onto the green.

"The big change in my game came during my victory in the 1984 New Zealand Open," he said. "I suddenly realized that I was swaying and moving my head. I stopped doing both and found length, consistency and accuracy." So now we all know how to do it.

The little man's greatest strengths are his brilliant putting and his ability to stand up under pressure. These strong features of his game and his excellent fighting character have won him $1.25 million since he qualified for the tour in 1983. He is a good bet to win a major title in 1987 and he is sure to be Jack Nicklaus's ace in the pack for America's attempt to wrest back the Ryder Cup in Ohio in September. "It will be my first Cup appearance," he says, "and I'm really looking forward to playing against my old British friends."

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 270: C Pavin, 65, 75, 66, 64; C Stadler, 70, 68, 62, 70 (Pavin won play-off at second extra hole). 271: P Azinger, 70, 66, 65, 70. 272: L Wadkins, 69, 68, 67, 68, L Mize, 69, 66, 70, 67. European placing: 276: B Langer (WG), 70, 64, 71, 71.

VOLLEYBALL

Champions may play in England

By a Special Correspondent

The English Volleyball Association are taking steps to lure China, the women's world champions, to England. Not content with the success of last month's inaugural Pickfords Travel international tournament, which attracted three of the world's top 10 nations — Cuba, East Germany and Japan — to London, George Bulman, the association's national director, has plans to establish the 1988 and 1989 tournaments in the diaries of the world's leading countries.

Bulman sees the tournament developing into a six-nation event played in two initial pools of three and he added that Cuba, East Germany and Japan had all expressed an interest in returning next year.

On the domestic front, Speedwell Rucanor maintained their 10-point lead at the top of the men's first division of the Royal Bank English League by beating Newcastle (Staffs) 3-0 on Saturday.

In Scotland, Provincial Insurance can secure the first major honour of the season on Saturday. Unbeaten in league or cup, the Edinburgh side can rap up the women's first division title by beating Whitburn.

Royal Bank Scottish League

MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Krystal Klear	14	13	1	41	5	40
MIM	14	13	1	41	16	40
Bellshill	13	9	4	31	20	31
East Kilbride	11	9	2	30	17	29
Scottish Farm	13	7	6	29	22	27
Kinleith	14	5	9	19	32	24
Dundee	14	4	10	19	32	22
Keyplant	13	4	9	21	32	21
Paisley	13	2	11	14	35	17
Falcon Jets	13	0	13	5	39	13

WOMEN'S FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Provincial Ins	11	11	0	33	7	33
Glasgow B	12	7	5	26	21	25
Finnies	10	7	3	25	12	24
Scottish Farm	10	7	3	24	15	24
Carluke	10	4	6	17	20	18
Inverclyde	10	4	6	16	22	18
Whitburn	9	1	8	8	25	11
Larbert	9	0	9	3	27	9

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WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 **KING RETAIN** (nap).
1.30 *Sunylyn.*
2.00 Supreme Charter.
2.30 Knock Hill.
3.00 Averon.
3.30 *Mi Dad.*
4.00 The Decent Thing.

By Michael Seely
1.30 SUNYLYN (nap). 2.30 Rhyme 'N' Reason. 3.00 Great Light.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 MI DAD.

Going: good to soft

1.0 RYTON NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,125: 2m) (25 runners)

2	214	DOMARC (J Price) J P Price 11-3	R Rowe	● 99	4-1
3	2012	FRAMLINGTON COURT (D) (L Smith) P Walwyn 11-3	D Browne	97	7-2
5	212P	MILFORD QUAY (W Jones) J Spearing 11-3	A Webb	90	16-1
9	4223	BLASKET RUN (R Yates) C Jackson 10-10	R Hyett	98	10-1
10	P0	CAGLIOSTRO (Mrs M Price) B Preece 10-10	T Wall	—	20-1
11	0	CHIEF PAL (W Norton) N Gaselee 10-10	P Scudamore	85	6-1
13	00	D'OR'S GEM (B Wilne) P Bevan 10-10	NON-RUNNER	—	—
16	P	FINAL SELECTION (N Cabburn) D Thom 10-10	M Brennan	—	25-1
21	42	KING RETAIN (BF) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 10-10	K Mooney	95	F3-1
22	3400	KING'S CRUSADE (H Mould) D Nicholson 10-10	R Dunwoody	93	12-1
24	4	MISAAFF (B) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Mrs D Haine 10-10	S Smith Eccles	88	8-1
25	D4P	MR SAVVAS (Z Papastylianou) C Charlet 10-10	R Campbell	92	16-1
27	00	OCEAN LAD (P Perrett) J Perrett 10-10	Steve Knight	—	20-1
28	P	OUR REMEDY (B) (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 10-10	—	—	25-1
36	02202	SANDRON (G Schooley) B Stevens 10-10	S Moore	83	25-1
39	00	SCARBOROUGH (D Roderick) D Roderick 10-10	C Seward	—	25-1
41		SWISS NEPHEW (Mrs E Sheehan) Lady Herries 10-10	M Kinane	—	25-1
42	0	TEMPERENCE WAY (T Ramsden) R Simpson 10-10	G McCourt	85	14-1
43	P	THE HUYTON VICTORY (R Fellows) R Fellows 10-10	Miss L Fellows	—	25-1
48		COME ON FLAN (R Francis) P Davis 10-5	NON-RUNNER	—	—
50	00	GAY CRISELLE (D Price) R Holder 10-5	N Coleman	—	25-1
54	000	MONSTROSA (J Stafford) J Spearing 10-5	P Warner	85	33-1
55	U	PEACE KEEPER (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 10-5	A Carroll	—	33-1
56		ROYAL SNAPPER (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 10-5	M Bastard	—	33-1
57	P	THE TULSA QUEEN (Lady Oaksey) D J Bell 10-5	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—	33-1

1986: (all aged) MEAUME 6-11-6 G McCourt (33-1) D Ancil 24 ran

FORM **DOMARC** is much better than he showed when (11-0) outclassed behind High Knowl (11-0) at Chepstow, finishing 42l 4th, **BLASKET RUN** (11-0), a consistent sort, ran a good race that day to be 15l closer in 3rd (2m, £5747, soft, Dec 20, 9 ran). **DOMARC** is better judged on (11-0) a 2½l beating of **FRAMLINGTON COURT** (11-0) at Newbury (2m, £1783, soft, Nov 21, 13 ran). The latter showed marginal improvement on that when (11-0) a creditable 15l 2nd to the very useful Agathist (10-9) at Kempton (2m 4f, £2759, soft, Dec 26, 12 ran). **KING RETAIN** is highly regarded and produced a much improved effort last time (10-10) going down by only 3l to Grey Salute (10-10) at Warwick (2m, £685, good to soft, Dec 12, 13 ran). **MISAAF** started favourite on debut at Wetherby (10-10) but could manage only a 20½l 4th to Stormy Prospect (10-10), the form of the race is working out very well (2m, £689, soft, Jan 6, 14 ran). **CHIEF PAL** also made a promising debut when (11-0) blowing up 2 out and finishing 8th to Caesar Imperator (11-0) at Newbury and can win a race (2m, £1621, soft, Jan 2, 19 ran).
Selection: FRAMLINGTON COURT

1.30 AIR WEDDING HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £985: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1	300/312-	EASY FELLA (D) (W Barnett) W Barnett 13-12-8	R Mann (4)	88	10-1
2	111124-	RUGY (CD) (R Weaving) R Weaving 11-12-8	J Wrathall (4)	● 99	2-1
5	0-	FLEETING PASSION (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 8-12-2	M J Felton (7)	—	20-1
6	00-0PP0	GLEN SOMERS (Mrs L Wilson) Mrs L Wilson 8-12-2	A Forte (7)	—	12-1
7	00003P/	GO TO SLEEP (Mrs P Mullen) Mrs P Mullen 7-12-2	G Hammer (7)	—	16-1
8	F-	HENRY OWEN (C Spate) C Spate 8-12-2	C Spate (7)	—	30-1
9	F0F/P-	LISADORN (R Cowley) R Cowley 10-12-2	R Cowley (7)	—	20-1
10	0/F-20BF	LITTLE TROUBLE (C Hitchings) C Hitchings 11-12-2	Mrs H McCall (7)	81	12-1
12	U-	ROBBIE'S PARK (M Evans) M Evans 13-12-2	M Darby (7)	—	25-1
13	2030/20-	SIOBHAN'S JOY (B) (Mrs C Janaway) Mrs C Janaway 12-12-2	G Maundrell (7)	91	6-1
14	0/	TARQUIN'S LORD (C Woolley) C Woolley 9-12-2	R Lawther (7)	—	16-1
15	F223-1	SUNYLYN (W Mawle) W Mawle 7-11-11	A Hill (4)	98	F6-4

1986: RUGY 10-12-1 J Wrathall (11-4) R Weaving 13 ran

FORM On penultimate start of last season **EASY FELLA** (12-0) stayed on up the hill to beat **SUNYLYN** (11-9) 5l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £1956, soft, May 7, 26 ran). **RUGY** was four times successful last season, on the final occasion (13-0) beat Lonesome Park (12-0) 6l at Hereford (3m1f, £680, soft, Mar 31, 7 ran), earlier (12-8) beat **SIOBHANS JOY** (12-2) 12l here (2m4f, £1030, soft, Feb '86, 13 ran). **LITTLE TROUBLE** (10-1) best judged on seasonal debut when 7l 2nd to Tierenee (10-3) at Stratford (2m, £2092, firm, Sept 6, 9 ran). **SUNYLYN** (12-3) successful on reappearance when beating Toura Lad (12-0) an easy 20l at Hereford (2m 4f, £869, heavy, Feb 4, 10 ran).
Selection: RUGY

2.0 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,259: 2m) (25 runners)

2	00-01	CANTASSIUM (D) (Larkhall Lab Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	G McCourt	85	F6-4
6	P-0	BANNER COIN (N Stevens) N Stevens 7-11-0	R Crank	—	20-1
8	0	BOLD RIVER (P Luff) M Oliver 5-11-0	J Duggan	—	8-1
10	00	CASH REDUCED (D Richards) D M Richards 5-11-0	Mr M Richards (7)	72	20-1
11	0-0	CHERRY BRAVE (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-11-0	S J O'Neill	—	20-1
15	00	DUSTY PATROL (L Bevan) J Colston 5-11-0	J Suthern	—	20-1
18	2	GHILLIE HILLS (Miss F Fletcher) N Gaselee 5-11-0	P Scudamore	96	9-4
20	0B3	HIGH HAM BLUES (D Crates) J Fox 5-11-0	—	81	16-1
21	0000	JUST SMOKEY (A Cartwright) W Morris 5-11-0	W Morris	—	20-1
22		KINGSBRIDGE FLYER (P King) A Chamberlain 5-11-0	Mr S Bush (7)	—	20-1
24	000	LORDY BOY (D Sanger) D Nicholson 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	—	20-1
35	00	RING OF SECRETS (M Evans) R Blakeney 5-11-0	Judy Blakeney (7)	82	20-1
37	*F00*	*SAUSAGE ROLL (F Clarke) M Eckley 7-11-0*	*A O'Hagen*	—	20-1
38	RPPFFP-	SEAL PRINCE (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 6-11-0	R Rowell	—	20-1
41		SOLIDASAROCK (Thrmacia Investments Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	D Browne	—	14-1
43	P-00223	SUPREME CHARTER (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	B de Haan	● 99	12-1
46	0P0-0	TRUST THE GYPSY (A Whettam) R Hodges 5-11-0	B Powell	—	16-1
48	0-0	VENTURI (Mrs S Tainton) N Panting 6-11-0	S Lovejoy (7)	—	25-1
51	0/0	WILL'S SON (T Mulkeen) G H Jones 6-11-0	G Jones	—	25-1
53	0	BALLISTRADE (R Bathell) P Blockley 5-10-9	M Brennan	—	25-1
58	0	EMERALD VALLEY (N Davies) N Davies 7-10-9	—	—	25-1
60	0P00-00	KESSIE-BEE (D Travers-Clark) A Chamberlain 6-10-9	L Harvey (4)	—	25-1
62	1D232	MODEL LADY (Niland & Treacy Const Co Ltd) O O'Neill 5-10-9	M Caswell	88	9-2
65	0/U3	ONLY TROUBLE (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 6-10-9	Mr T Houlbrooke	93	33-1
66	00	PIC-A-PATH (G Lawrey) T Hallett 5-10-9	P Richards	—	50-1

1986: JIMSINTIME 5-11-0 C Jones (12-1) R Brazington 23 ran

FORM **CANTASSIUM** could do no more than win on hurdling debut (11-3) at Leicester but beat some well exposed and moderate performers, Thorn Pirate (11-3) finishing 1½l 2nd (2m, £906, soft, Jan 26, 15 ran) **GHILLIE HILLS** though beaten 15l put up a better performance when (11-0) 2nd to Macroom (11-0), a winner since, at Lingfield (2m, £1570, soft, Dec 20, 12 ran) **HIGH HAM BLUES** finished in eye catching style on latest start when (11-0) 11½l 2nd to Doyle's Express (11-0) at Devon and is improving (2m 1f, £720, soft, Dec 5, 17 ran). **SUPREME CHARTER** has been unlucky not to win a race this season being in the frame on each of last 3 starts, best of those (10-7) a comfortably held 15l 2nd to the very smart Mister Point (10-7) at Haydock (2m, £1405, soft, Dec 11, 20 ran) **ONLY TROUBLE** looks well treated by the conditions of this race *judging by (11-8) a 6l 2nd to Maundy Boy (11-0)* at Worcester (2m, £1074, heavy, Dec 30, 15 ran) the latter subsequently (11-9) finishing 3½l 3rd to **CANTASSIUM** (11-3) when he won at Leicester.
Selection: ONLY TROUBLE

2.30 GEORGE CONEY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,019: 3m 4f 180yd) (8 runners)

1	2P1/11P-	LAST SUSPECT (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 13-11-7	H Davies	97	7-2
2	0P02-00	RHYME 'N' REASON (Miss J Reed) D Murray-Smith 8-11-3	P Scudamore	92	8-1
3	P-04101	KNOCK HILL (C) (P Thompson) J Webber 11-10-11	G Memagh	96	F6-4
6	2-00142	CORBIERE (CD) (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 12-10-4	B de Haan	97	11-4
7	01U-P0P	BALLYMILAN (CD) (F Sheridan) P Davis 10-10-4	S Sherwood	96	16-1
9	10BUF-2	DART OVER (P Pocock) R Hodges 11-10-0	B Powell	92	11-2
11	PP0P-30	BIG BROWN BEAR (G Barlow) G Barlow 10-10-0	R Stronge	88	20-1
12	31P-030	FREDWEL (Miss C Bingham) P Bailey 12-10-0	S Morshead	● 99	16-1

1986: CORBIERE 11-10-12 B de Haan (7-1) Mrs J Pitman 12 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

FORM *On penultimate outing of last season* **LAST SUSPECT** (11-2) beat **CORBIERE** (11-2) 15l at Chepstow (3m6f, £4659, soft, Mar 15, 5 ran). **RHYME 'N'REASON** (10-6) looked to be returning to form when 25l 5th to Stearsby (11-5) at Sandown (3m 5f, £10870, good to soft, Jan 10, 7 ran). **KNOCK HILL** (10-0) stayed on in good style to beat Greenbank Park (10-0) 12l at Cheltenham (4m, £4612, soft, Dec 31, 11 ran). **CORBIERE** (10-10) best effort this season when beating Hardy Lad (11-6) a comfortable 8l at Haydock (3m 4f, £2966, soft, Dec 11, 6 ran). **DART OVER** (11-2) not disgraced on seasonal debut when 4l 2nd to Mithras (10-2) at Chepstow (3m, £2452, soft, Jan 27, 10 ran). **FREDWEL** (10-13) best effort this term when 18l 3rd to North Lane (10-0) at Wincanton (3m 1f, £2212, good to soft, Dec 26, 7 ran).
Selection: CORBIERE

3.0 BURTON HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,296: 2m) (28 runners)

2	00P-003	AVERON (C Wildman) C Wildman 7-11-12	M Bosley (4)	97	16-1
7	221/0P0	GREAT LIGHT (D) (B Atkinson) J Jenkins 9-11-5	—	92	12-1
8	3120-00	DIENAU'S TROVE (D) (B Collinson) H Collingridge 6-11-5	S Smith Eccles	95	20-1
10	0/000-02	DOWN FLIGHT (C) (W Caldwell) T Caldwell 7-11-2	P Caldwell	98	10-1
11	0PP-P00	EL GALILEO (B,D) (J South) J Jenkins 5-11-1	—	89	12-1
12	331-	STAR'S DELIGHT (D) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-11-1	G McCourt	94	6-1
14	04FP00	TAFFY JONES (D) (P Hayes) M McCormack 8-11-1	P Barton	—	12-1
15	0400-00	CONS PAL (D) (F Faulkner) D Wintle 9-10-11	A Carroll	98	14-1
16	10F	GOUVERNO (D) (Mrs J Murrills) J Berry 8-10-11	P Scudamore	90	6-1
19	2132-00	STORM HOUSE (D) (Mrs N Myers) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-10	B de Haan	94	8-1
20	2-02000	BATON MATCH (D) (Communicdata Ltd) J Edwards 7-10-9	Mr P Fenton (4)	98	20-1
21	*1300/P-0*	*CRUMPET CATCHER (D) (D Richards) D M Richards 11-10-9*	*Mr M Richards (7)*	—	20-1
22	0022U2	REDGRAVE GIRL (Mrs B Kirkman) K Bishop 5-10-7	S Earle (4)	96	11-2
23	100-040	LONDON LEADER (D) (Champion Saf Headware Ltd) R Lee 5-10-7	B Dowling (4)	95	16-1
24	0/0000-0	HEALTH N HAPPINESS (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 8-10-6	D Murphy	93	16-1
25	00/00-03	MY CHALLENGE (D) (K Bedworth) K Bridgwater 9-10-6	W Worthington (7)	96	7-1
26	0P/0002-	RUTHS MAGIC (D) (G Price) C Charlet 4-10-2	C Price	94	16-1
27	1430P-8	SPOT THE PATCH (P Wilkins) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-2	Jacqui Oliver (7)	89	F5-1
29	301-000	END OF THE ROAD (D) (K Perrett) J Perrett 7-10-0	—	● 99	25-1
30	00F00/P	LOOK AT THAT (B Key) B Key 9-10-0	Miss D Key (7)	—	25-1
32	24-2100	DISPORT (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 5-10-0	M Harrington	94	25-1
33	300/000	ROYAL CHARGE (CD) (D Wellcome) D Wellcome 6-10-0	M Bastard	90	25-1
35	004-420	FLEET BAY (G Taylor-Webber) T Hallett 7-10-0	D Morris (7)	95	33-1
37	00030-P	DREADNOUGHT (D) (J Carden) J Carden 7-10-0	Mr J Carden	89	33-1
38	140P0-0	SAIZANO (D) (B Kidd) D Leslie 5-10-0	M Brennan	87	33-1
39	03100-P	ALCAZABA (A Patel) J Davies 5-10-0	G Heaver (7)	90	33-1
40	44234/P	ANOTHER SPECIAL (G Parker) M James 9-10-0	R Crank	—	33-1
41	00200/0	POLAR ICE (Mrs M Bostock) J Harris 11-10-0	J A Harris	—	33-1

1986: MARCELLINO 10-10-3 J Suthern (33-1) A J Wilson 23 ran

FORM **AVERON** came back to something like best form on latest start when (11-7) 4l 3rd to Fuego Boy (10-7) at this course, How Now (10-5) was 2½l 2nd and has ran well since (2m, £2583, good to soft, Dec 27, 15 ran). **DOWN FLIGHT** is also returning to form and was a promising (11-2) 11l 3rd to Comedy Fair (12-3) at Market Rasen (2m 4f, £2148, soft, Dec 26, 15 ran) but this maybe a little short. **STORM HOUSE** was a fair novice last term but has been well below best of late, most creditable effort (10-12) an 18l 5th to Prince Ramboro (10-11) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1463, good to soft, Nov 24, 18 ran). **BATON MATON** ran well following a long absence (10-6) to be 10¾l 5th to The Black Sack (11-12) at Nottingham, **SPOT THE PATCH** (10-8) 15l further away in 6th and **DIENAU'S TROVE** (11-2) out of the first 9 (2m, £2024, good, Jan 27, 16 ran). **LONDON LEADER** is much better than he showed last time when probably needing the race and is best judged on (10-13) a 3¾l 4th to Sicilian Passage (11-2) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1434, good, Dec 26, 19 ran). **DISPORT** has disappointed last 2 starts having (10-10) beat Maskeen (10-10) a neck at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to firm, Sept 2, 13 ran).
Selection: LONDON LEADER

3.30 PRINCETHORPE NOVICE CHASE (£2,645: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	3P-F412	LARRY-O (D) (D Andrews) F Winter 7-11-8	P Scudamore	88	4-1
3	00-0001	MI DAD (D) (Placard Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-8	B de Haan	● 99	F7-2
4	0P-0010	SUPERLINE (C) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 8-11-8	R Stronge	80	14-1
14	03004/	BORDER SIGNAL (Miss O Lee) D Ringer 8-11-2	J Barlow	—	14-1
15	43-34FU	BOWDEN (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) I Dudgeon 9-11-2	M Richards	91	12-1
17	043440	BRONSKI (P McHale) J Jenkins 6-11-2	—	87	8-1
22		FREELANCE (Miss C Morris) H Collingridge 8-11-2	J Barlow	—	20-1
24	0-0P	HANGER WOOD (Mrs R Matson) N Gaselee 6-11-2	D Browne	—	20-1
26	20-0040	JADE AND DIAMOND (R Lavelle) G Balding 9-11-2	G Bradley	—	20-1
27	004P0-4	LISARDA (A Norman-Thorpe) D Dale 8-11-2	R Rowe	—	14-1
30	F-3F234	NEW SONG (BF) (J Sanders) M Oliver 8-11-2	R Dunwoody	84	6-1
36	00-00	RATH WONDER (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-11-2	S J O'Neill	—	25-1
39	242104-	SHEPHERD'S HYMN (H Grain) P Blockley 6-11-2	M Brennan	—	10-1
42	0	THE CHEESEMAN (F Sheridan) P Davis 7-11-2	H Davies	—	33-1
47	00/P0PF	WALLY WOMBAT (E Prall) M Scudamore 9-11-2	NON-RUNNER	—	—
49	P-3	KELLY'S MAID (R Belasco) J Webber 7-10-11	G Memagh	87	11-2

1986: FUDGE DELIGHT 7-11-8 S Sherwood (4-5 fav) O Sherwood 16 ran

FORM **LARRY-O** (11-10) ruined any chance he had by running wide when 2l 2nd to Celair (10-7), with **BRONSKI** (11-3) a further 15l back in 4th at Folkestone (2m 4f, £1925, soft, Jan 6, 15 ran). **MI DAD** (11-5) came right away from the last when beating Ribobelle (11-7) 12l at Hereford (2m 4f, £2790, heavy, Feb 4, 15 ran). **SUPERLINE** (11-4) best judged on penultimate outing when beating Wood Poppy (10-13) a hard fought short head here (2m, £2044, good to soft, Dec 27, 16 ran). **NEW SONG** (10-12) best effort to date this season when a short head 2nd to Turkana (11-4) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £1653, good to soft, Nov 24, 10 ran). **SHEPHERD'S HYMN** (10-3) last seen out when 13½l 4th to Coral Delight (10-5), with **JADE AND DIAMOND** (10-0) out of the first 9 here (2m 5f h'cap hdle, £3063, good, Jan '86, 28 ran). **KELLY'S MAID** (10-10) not disgraced when 13½l 3rd to Ribobelle (10-10) at Worcester (2m, £1753, heavy, Dec 17, 17 ran).
Selection: MI DAD

4.0 EBF NH FLAT RACE (£1, 296: 2m) (28 runners)

1	1	FIZZ (Tamar Racing Ltd) T Hallett 5-11-13	D Morris (7)	—	F4-1
2		AFFINATIVE (J Sage) J Old 5-11-6	C Llewellyn (7)	—	16-1
9		COLEMAN ABBEY (C Cronin) F Winter 5-11-6	Mr C Brooks (4)	—	9-2
11		DENNY'S RYDE (R O'Byrne) M Oliver 6-11-6	E Buckley (4)	—	12-1
22		KNIGHTON LAD (J South) J Jenkins 6-11-6	—	—	10-1
23		LEGAL STAR (C Cottrell) W Charles 5-11-6	Mr E McMahon	—	33-1
24		MANDRAKI SHUFFLE (Mrs J Dibben) J Old 5-11-6	P Davies (7)	—	20-1
26		MY BACK TO BACK (D Chatterley) J Spearing 5-11-6	—	—	16-1
30		RAIN MARK (Mrs J Turner) J Turner 6-11-6	Mr S Brookshaw	—	25-1
31		SAND KEY (Mrs A Sanders) M Pipe 5-11-6	J Lower (4)	—	5-2
33		SMILES BETTER (A MacDonald) R Fisher 5-11-6	Mr M Murphy (7)	—	16-1
35		THE DRAGON MASTER (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 5-11-6	Mr N Rideout	—	33-1
36		WAVERLEY BOY (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 5-11-6	R Fahey (7)	—	25-1
38		CERTAINLITTLELADY (E Crane) B Stevens 5-11-1	M Stevens (7)	—	25-1
39		CLYFFE WALK (J Davis) J Baker 5-11-1	L Harvey (4)	—	25-1
42		DONAMOR LASS (P Devoy) B Stevens 5-11-1	M Hoad (7)	—	25-1
47		GAYE LE MOSS (Mrs C Purcell) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-1	M Muggeridge (7)	—	13-2
49		JAYELLS DREAM (J Stones) T Hallett 5-11-1	Samantha Dunster (7)	—	16-1
50		LION LODGE (B Morgan) B Morgan 5-11-1	C Prince (7)	—	20-1
80		THE DECENT THING (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-10-10	Mr J Geake (7)	—	8-1
81		TSUGA FOREST (Mrs E Treasure) J Edwards 4-10-10	Mr P Fenton (4)	—	12-1
83		ANGIE'S DARLING (R Edelson) P Blockley 4-10-5	—	—	25-1
85		COME ON FLAN (R Francis) P Davis 4-10-5	Mr M Wellings (7)	—	25-1
86		EVITA WAY (J Carden) J Carden 4-10-5	Miss C Carden (7)	—	25-1
89		FISHING SMACK (B Byford) B Byford 4-10-5	Mr M Geary (7)	—	25-1
90		JAY-DEE-JAY (Mrs V Maunders) J Davies 4-10-5	G Heaver (7)	—	25-1
91		KATITZAS ROSE (R Bailey) G Yardley 4-10-5	Mr A Hambly	—	25-1
94		SHY HIKER (M Lilley) R Dickin 4-10-5	W Humphries (7)	—	25-1

1986: THE A TRAIN 4-10-3 M O'Callaghan (8-11 fav) Mrs J Pitman 27 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Walwyn	19	83	22.9
Mrs J Pitman	9	52	17.3
R J Hodges	6	36	16.7
G B Balding	5	31	16.1
P G Bailey	5	35	14.3
J Webber	13	96	13.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
K Mooney	10	69	14.4
R Crank	6	42	14.3
G Memagh	4	29	13.7
S Smith Eccles	8	70	11.4
H Davies	11	97	11.3
P Scudamore	10	100	10.0

Yesterday's results

Fontwell Park

Going: good to soft

1.30 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, BRAVEN (G Landau, 7-1); 2, Southdown Spirit (B Dowling, 6-1); 2, Braunston Brook (L Jenkins, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Brianorgan (f), 10 Magwa (pu), 14 Doubleuagain (f), 16 Lucky Chris (4th), 20 Mighty Disaster (5th), 33 Landas Rocket (f), Pampolly (f), Prince Felix (6th), Touch Of Rhythm. 12 ran. 15l, dead-heat, 7l, 2l, 10l. D Wintle at Westbury-on-Severn. Tote: £5.80; £1.40. Southdown Spirit £1.10. Braunston Brook £1.30. DF: Braven and Southdown Spirit £2.90. Braven and Braunston Brook £3.70. CSF: Braven and Southdown Spirit £22.35. Braven and Braunston Brook £8.45.

2.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. LA GRANDE DAME (D Gallagher, 6-1); 2, Fandango Boy (C Hopwood, 9-1); 3, Splendid Magnolia (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cleavage (4th), 9 Fleet Footed (5th), 14 Chatterspark, 20 City And Suburban (pu), Fic Vic (pu), Kyldoon, La Shaka (pu), Solent Lad, Yours Grenville, 33 Juttown Lad (pu), My Monte (pu), Rhode Island Red (6th), My Mutzie (pu), St Athans Girl (pu), Winter's Beta, Zindelina. 19 ran. NR: Capistrano Climax. 15l, 4l, 10l, 2l, nk. R Simpson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £10.90; £3.70, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £42.10. CSF: £60.67. Bought in 3,000 gns.

2.30 (2m 2f 110yd) 1. FEARLESS IMP (B Powell, 8-1); 2, Atataho (P Nicholls, 11-2); 3, Fire Drill (P Richards, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-favs Bold Dealer, Cresun (5th), Tam (4th), 6 Bright Morning (6th), 20 Neoteric (pu), 33 Graiguenamanagh (pu). 9 ran. NR: Autumn Zulu. ¾l, 1½l, nk, 7l, ½l. R Shepherd at Devizes. Tote: £7.50; £1.80, £2.60, £3.20. DF: £12.30. CSF: £46.29. Tricast: £236.75.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. BROOKMOUNT (R Rowe, 9-2); 2, Thrian (M Perrett, 8-1); 3, Mareth Line (P Scudamore, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Keynes (4th), 11-2 Precious Link, 8 Island Pearl (6th), 12 Roubayd (5th), 14 Winning Dancer, 50 Fleuve de Soleil (pu), Dancing Ballerina (pu). 10 ran. 3l, 4l, 12l, 2½l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £31.60. CSF: £38.08. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, BOREEN KING (G Landau, 12-1); 2, General Sandy (Mr T Grantham, 20-1); 3, Chalkies Pet (A Carroll, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Steel Yeoman (f), 11-4 High Blend, 6 Raleigh Gazelle (ur), 10 Sea Countess (pu), 14 The Joestan, 20 Lile (f), 33 Fitzgayle (pu), Palmerston (pu), Poor Excuse (pu), Robert Henry (bd), Stargaze (4th), Treasure's Rag (pu). 15 ran. NR: Ballymullish. dist, 2½l, nk, no 5th & 6th due to camera failure. S Mellor at Lambourn. Tote: £10.60; £2.50, £4.90, £1.70. DF: £95.50. CSF: £189.38. Non-Runner: Ballymullish.

4.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. QUICKSTEP (P Scudamore, 7-4 fav, Mandarin's nap); 2, Man O'Magic (P Croucher, 20-1); 3, Harbour Bazaar (D Gallagher, 6-1); 4, Airborne Deal (G Moore, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Profound (6th), 9 Spend Easy, 10 Lafosse, 14 Shenton Way, Windbreaker, 20 Cut A Dash, 33 Christo (pu), Chemist Broker, Hall's Prince (5th), I'm For Gala, Zircon's Sun, Critical Path, Courageous Charger, Cut A Caper, Prince Of Kashmir, Full Of Dreams (pu). 20 ran. 4l, 20l, ¾l, 6l, 3l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £3.80, £1.10, £6.30. DF: £53.10. CSF: £33.67. Tricast: £155.71.

Placepot: £95.20.

Wolverhampton

Going: Good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, STORMY PROSPECT (M Caswell, 5-2); 2, Spring Pate (K Ryan, 20-1); 3, Plaid (D Brown, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Golden Croft (4th), 11 Natchakam, 12 Broadhurst (6th), 16 Merry Junior (5th), 33 Mists Of Time, Simon's Fantasy (pu), 50 Balanced Realm (pu), Eastern Player, Eau Courante, G G Magic, Boxit, Laure's Dream, Whitehouse Gem. *16 ran. NR: Top Tier. 8l, ½l, 8l, 12l, 5l. O* O'Neill at Cheltenham. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £316.20. CSF: £49.27.

2.15 (3m 1f ch) 1. STAR OF SCREEN (D Browne, 6-1); 2, Backlog (B de Haan, 14-1); 4, Woodside Road (R Dunwoody, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Border Rambler (5th), 10 Bridgetown Lad (f), 12 Another Dragon (pu), Florence May (4th), Roga Rood (pu), 20 Liquer Candy (pu), 50 Mr Fagin (pu), Relativity (pu), Dynadee (pu), Springaliance (pu), Winning Clover (6th). 14 ran. 12l, 4l, 8l, 15l, 4l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £7.40; £1.60, £3.20, £2.80. DF: £36.50. CSF: £77.21.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, TURKANA (R Dunwoody, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Sandwalker (A Sharpe, 33-1); 3, Aldro (S J O'Neill, 2-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Akram (ur), 5 Destiny Bay (6th), 20 Fare Love (ur), 33 Billfov (4th), 66 Dance Of Life (5th). 8 ran. 15l, 4l, 2l, 20l, 8l. T Casey at Adstone. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £2.70, £1.60. DF: £26.20. CSF: £45.64. Tricast: £132.46.

3.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, STRATH LEADER (Mr M Richards, 3-1 fav); 2, Bashful Lad (R Dunwoody, 10-1); 3, Sir Keswin (Miss G Armytage, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mithras (ur), 9-2 Indamelody (ur), 7 Broad Beam (5th), 10 Harvest Fortune (4th), 14 Native Break (pu), 16 Late Night Extra (f), 20 Lorentino (6th), 33 Lean Ort (pu), 50 Citadel Roc. 12 ran. 2½l, 8l, nk, dist, 12l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £3.40, £1.80. DF: £37.80. CSF: £32.56. Tricast: £278.35.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, DON'T BE LATE (M Dwyer, 16-1); 2, Sicilian Passage (R Dunwoody, 11-4 fav); 3, Rymerster (C Evans, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Doyle's Express (5th), Elvercone (4th), 10 Grange Hill Girl, 12 Rich Nickel, Smith's Lad, 25 Kilkienne, 33 Oborne Express, 50 Danish Pauper (pu), Richisla (6th), Taboona, Bit Of Space, Space Kate. 15 ran. NR: Parky Pete, Valentine Boy. 2l, 1l, ¾l, 3l, 12l. R E Peacock at Tarporley. Tote: £9.50; £1.80, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £30.50. CSF: £57.94.

4.15 (3m 2f hdle) 1, CHARTER HARDWARE (B de Haan, 4-1); 2, The Shiner (M Bowlby, 33-1); 3, Shoulitout (George Knight, 33-1); 4, Sporting Mariner (J Lower, 15-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Some Machine (pu), 15-2 Sheer Steel (5th), 12 Henry Lancaster, 14 Dew, Merry Tom (pu), Prince's Drive, 20 Anex (6th), Gerry Doyle, Shoemender, 33 Simbad (pu), Fighter Pilot (pu), Galesburg, Little Mynd (pu), Small Money. 18 ran. NR: Spider's Well, Provide. 15l, 4l, 1½l, nk, ¾l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £7.20, £14.80, £1.30. DF: £354.40. CSF: £133.41. Tricast: £3,537.41.

Placepot: £25.20

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CRICKET: LLOYD REBUKES THE WEST INDIANS ON THEIR 'DISASTROUS' AUSTRALIAN ECLIPSE

A time for professional reality to replace complacency

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

Clive Lloyd, captain of West Indies in no fewer than 74 Tests, thinks it is time they appointed a full-time coach to their Test team, much as England and Australia have in Mickey Stewart and Bob Simpson. He came to Australia on a cheano a fortnight ago to play in one of those matches between old-timers which have never quite seemed to come off since Surrey played Old England at the Oval just after the last war, in the presence of the King.

Because he has taken good care of himself, and played first-class cricket until last year, Lloyd found it a much easier, less painful game than the others who played with the "golden oldies". While in Australia, he took the chance to watch the West Indians and talk at length with Vivian Richards and Steve Camacho, their captain and manager respectively, about their recent unwonted lack of success.

More than a matter of ill luck and injuries

It is as well to remember that when losing to England in Devonport a week ago, West Indies were without Greenidge, Haynes, Holding and Marshall — their four most experienced players apart from Richards — and still as good, when they are fit, as any four from anywhere. In a tight finish, West Indies lost by 29 runs, thus failing for the first time in five attempts to qualify for the WSC finals, which in other years they have always won.

Lloyd saw their eclipse as being a good deal more than a matter of ill-luck with their injuries. In an interview on West Indies Radio, he was critical of the team's approach. "It seemed almost that we came here with a complacent sort of attitude, that we thought we were best and that people would just fall down at our feet . . . what we need is someone to pummel into our players day after day the professional attitude that is now needed for cricket . . . to most West Indians it is a disaster that we haven't qualified for two one-day competitions. OK, you can say they are only one-day competitions, but we depend on winning. If we don't, our financial guarantees from tours will get smaller."

He said of the West Indian batsmen that "they seemed frightened to play their shots, and that is something you can't conceive in a West Indian player . . . there was no professional attitude as such. Look at the teams that were beating us; their bowling was not that great . . . with the regulation that you can't bowl a short ball at all, you would think it would have helped the batsmen and affected the bowlers. Well, the bowlers did all right, in spite of the restriction, and the batsmen were found wanting."

These are no ordinary strictures coming from such a source. The captain can't have liked them, though no one is less tolerant than he of incompetence; nor can the manager, who is also the Secretary of the West Indian Board of Control. Richards and Camacho might have thought to themselves that in his years of success Lloyd never had to captain a side whose first four batsmen were as collectively unimposing as Payne, Richardson, Gomes and Logie.

It is perfectly possible that West Indies will win their forthcoming Test series in New Zealand if they can put a full side into the field, able to use their deadliest weapon again, the short-pitched ball. But they will not if they are at sixes and sevens among themselves. Their shortcomings here had a good deal to do with a lack of unity within the party.

He is still emotionally attached to the game

Lloyd, I am sure, was speaking from the heart; he was upset by what he saw. I doubt whether he was making a conscious bid to be given the chance to put things right, but now that he has left Lancashire, he could be free to try. The only job he has is a part-time one for Project Full Employ, an organization which helps the ethnic minority in England to learn a skill and find a job.

"I'm still very emotionally attached to the game," he says, "and to West Indian cricket. I want to do whatever I can to help . . . I believe the players still have a lot of respect for me, and I have a lot for them." The West Indian Board would do well to take the hint. I am inclined to think it would be madness not to — and that Richards is shrewd enough to hope they do.

Lloyd: ready to do whatever he can to help

Hussain holds a firm hand

From a Correspondent
Kandy

England Young Cricketers had a satisfactory first day, scoring 254 for four wickets by the close of the second four-day youth international against Sri Lanka Young Cricketers at the Asgiriya Stadium yesterday.

After Atherton won the toss on a pitch devoid of grass, Young England were well on their way to reaching their target of 400 runs. The England team management believes a total in this region should prove useful on a pitch which is expected to take spin by the third day.

However, at one time during the innings that target looked quite remote when Ramprakash and Ward were both out to catches at long off when they attempted to hit left-arm spinner Dilhan Perera over the top for the addition of only two runs.

After Atherton departed for 18, Ward and Ramprakash added 95 runs for the second wicket in 100 minutes. Ward, especially, took his chances against the spinners and struck 12 fours in his 67 which was the fifth time he had passed 50 on the tour. Ramprakash batted soundly for his 38.

Alleyne continued the struggle to find his best form on the tour and made only 13 before edging Perera to slip to make Young England 166 for four. However, Nasser Hussain, a wristy player signed by Essex, and Smith, of Gloucestershire, held the innings together in a fifth wicket partnership which added an unbeaten 88 by the close. Hussain patiently collected his runs off the loose deliveries to despatch 14 fours in his undefeated 78 off 140 balls, while Smith's share in the partnership was a painstaking 25 off 137 balls. Smith once took 12 overs to add one run.

Of the four spin bowlers used by Young Sri Lanka, Perera was the most impressive.

ENGLAND YC: First innings

M R Ramprakash c Nadarajah b Perera	38
*M A Atherton c and b Perera	18
T R Ward c Nadarajah b Perera	67
M W Alleyne c Unantenne b Perera	13
N Hussain not out	78
O C K Smith not out	25
Extras (b 5, lb 9, nb 1)	15
Total (4 wkts)	254

A G J Fraser, M P Bicknell, †W K Hegg, H R J Trump and L Tennant to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-131, 3-133, 4-166.

BOWLING: Madena 13-4-26-0, Weerakkody 11-4-20-0, Perera 35-6-82-4, Jayasinghe 19-12-27-0, Thenuwara 19-1-78-0, Mendis 2-0-5-0.

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERS: R Rajapakse, A Alirajah, C Unantenne, D Nadarajah, †N Fernando, R Weerakkody, Chaminda Mendis, Dilhan Perera, *C R Madena, C R Thenuwara and S K Jayasinghe.

Back to hospital

Sydney — Wilf Slack has returned to hospital for more routine tests after collapsing during net practice a week ago. The Middlesex batsman, aged 32, stayed behind in Melbourne yesterday morning, while his England colleagues travelled to Sydney for tomorrow's second World Series Cup final against Australia. Slack, who has taken a full part in several practice sessions since fainting last Monday, is feeling "fine", according to the England manager, Peter Lush.

Waiting game: Edmonds (above) hopes for a recall at Sydney

Botham opening ploy can give England a decisive advantage

From John Woodcock

England travelled to Sydney yesterday, one up with two to play in the finals of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup. As with the golfer as he stands on the 17th tee, it is a nice position to be in but one that still has its hazards to contend with.

When, as now, it is a matter of playing to save their skins, Australia prefer to be doing it in Sydney than on any of their other grounds. In the corresponding competition last year they won all their four matches there, against India and New Zealand; this time they have won two out of three there, beating West Indies twice and losing to England only when Lamb took 18 off the last over of the match. Nowhere is support for the Australian side more penetrating or fanatical. It has a xenophobic fervour to it that is, frankly, disturbing.

Assuming Dilley is fit to play again, England's one problem of selection may be the choice between a second spinner and a fourth faster bowler — between Edmonds and Foster in fact. In their only other WSC match in Sydney, three weeks ago, England included both Emburey and Edmonds (for the only time in the competition) and when Australia played West Indies in the first of their two matches in Sydney, the ball turned appreciably. England will make no decision on their side until tomorrow.

In the 13 WSC matches played so far this season, the highest total was Australia's 261 for four against England in Brisbane and the lowest was England's 139 against Australia in Melbourne. But all such statistics are meaningless when Botham is in the mood he was on Sunday. It was simple enough to see from the struggle Broad and Athey had to make progress, how easily England could have got bogged down, had it not been for Botham, in going for the 172 they needed to win from 44 overs.

Captains generally, not only Gatting, seem to me to have a blind spot when it comes to making out a batting order. Although Sunday was the first time Botham has really come off going in first in one-day games — he has been tried there on other tours, both here and in West Indies — it has always made sense for him to have a shot at it, as much as anything because for the first 15 overs of an innings the fielding side are obliged to have a quorum of fielders inside the 30 yards circle. In the present series it is seven, and this left Border, on Sunday, with only two men to control the huge Melbourne outfield for the whole of Botham's innings of 71.

What surprises me is that Richards, for example, should be prepared to wait until number five before going in, while two journeymen, such as Gomes and Logie, take up most of the 50 overs available.

It is a main reason why, although a fielding captain is unable to place exclusively defensive fields, totals in one-day internationals are, on the whole, surprisingly low. Frequently it pays a fielding side to keep a batsman in, in order to keep out someone more dangerous. It worked that way in Brisbane when Athey made a century but Australia beat England, and it needs guarding against by England tomorrow.

Finals details

Second final (Sydney, day-night): TV: BBC1 3.30-6.55am; BBC2 7.20-9.05am; BBC1 9.05-11.15am.

FEB 13 (if required): Third final (Melbourne, day-night): TV: BBC1 3.30-6.55am; BBC2 7.20-9.05am; BBC1 9.05-11.15am.

First final: England won by six wickets.

Pakistan likely to include Younis

From Richard Streeton, Calcutta

No other cricket centre in the world depresses the visitor more by its squalor than Calcutta and nowhere else rivals its enthusiasm for the game. The drive from the airport past the most appalling shanty-type housing emphasizes the first point: the teeming crowds outside the closely guarded hotel, waiting for a glimpse of the Indian and Pakistani teams, underlines the second.

When Pakistan practised at Eden Gardens for tomorrow's second Test match, they were watched by more than 5,000 people. Several hundreds more milled around outside the stadium before being dispersed by mounted police.

Younis Ahmed was to arrive late last night and seems certain to be included by Pakistan in place of Ijaz Ahmed, aged 18. The ball tends to swing in Calcutta and Pakistan are also expected to bring their second left-arm seamer, Saleem Jaffer. Either Ramiz Raja or Salim Malik will probably make way for him.

India, too could be tempted to play a third seamer in Roger Binny, the all-rounder, who has been added to their squad.

After three days of marvellous cricket, the Madras game petered out sadly and underlined that everybody is the loser if the pitch does not give the bowlers some help in the later stages.

One-day cricket's arrival means that spectators are no longer willing to watch meaningless five-day games, even in this country. Whether the fear of defeat will prevent the Indian Board grasping this particular nettle will emerge in the coming weeks.

Several ripples, inevitably, have followed Gavaskar's decision not to play in Calcutta because of the crowd's treatment of him two years ago against England. Some Bengali officials see it as part of a campaign to discredit Calcutta and get the World Cup final moved from the city; others as a political gambit inspired by opposition parties.

INDIA (from) Kapil Dev (capt), R J Shastri, K Srikkanth, M Amarnath, D B Vengsarkar, M Azharuddin, R Lamba, Arun Lal, K S More, N S Yadav, R R Kulkarni, Maninder Singh, R M H Binny, S Viswanath.

PAKISTAN (from) Imran Khan (capt), Javed Miandad, Shoaib Mohammad, Ramiz Raja, Salim Malik, Younis Ahmed, Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram, Tauseef Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer, Rizwan-uz-Zaman.

Ashes claim down in flames

By Marcus Williams

MCC's bicentenary year started inauspiciously with the departure of the secretary and treasurer. But the threat of further embarrassment for the club — concerning, probably, their most famous possession, the Ashes — was allayed yesterday by an Australian professor.

A report at the weekend from Australia had claimed that the Ashes urn — the object of cricketing contention between England and Australia since 1882-83 — contained not, as is widely accepted, the charred fragments of a bail, but the remains of King Cole, an Aboriginal cricketer. King Cole was a member of the very first Australian side to visit England, in 1868, and he sadly died of tuberculosis at Guy's Hospital during the tour.

In the article, which was published in a Melbourne popular newspaper, the *Sunday Press*, Robbie Thorpe, an Aborigine spokesman, called for the opening of the urn and scientific testing of the ashes, leading to the ultimate return of King Cole to his native land and a proper burial.

Lord's, in the person of MCC's acting secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, expressed polite interest in the story and said that, subject to a committee decision, they might consider taking the top off the Ashes urn to establish the facts.

But, yesterday, Professor John Mulvaney, the authority on early aboriginal cricket and a leading student of aboriginal history, blew the lid off the King Cole argument by describing it as "absolute nonsense" and "chronologically impossible".

Professor Mulvaney, Emeritus Professor of Prehistory at the Australian National University and author of *Cricket Walkabout: The Australian Aboriginal Cricketers on Tour 1867-68*, told *The Times* that, though King Cole did indeed die in Guy's Hospital on June 24, 1868, "he was buried in England in a cemetery near the Oval. He was not cremated, so there could be no ashes."

There was, anyway, he said, "no earthly reason" why the remains of an aboriginal cricketer should end up some 15 years later in an urn presented, as the accepted version goes, by a group of Melbourne women to the Honorary Ivo Bligh, captain of the England side who had just defeated Australia to avenge an unprecedented home defeat at the Oval the previous August.

It was that victory by Australia that prompted the now-famous obituary notice in the following weekend's *Sporting Times*: "In affectionate remembrance of English cricket, which died at the Oval, August 29, 1882. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P. N.B. The body will be cremated and the Ashes taken to Australia."

After the death of Bligh (later Lord Darnley) in 1927, his widow presented the urn to MCC, in whose possession it has remained irrespective of who wins an England v Australia series.

Professor Mulvaney is a firm advocate of the cause of aboriginal cricket and, in 1980, *The Times* published a letter from him, pointing out that the Centenary Test match in England that year was celebrating the wrong centenary — the first Australian touring side, the Aborigines, had come 112 years earlier.

But he suggested that the King Cole argument was "a straight political statement".

At all events, relief pervaded the corridors of Lord's yesterday. King Cole — and his touring colleagues, Mullagh, Dick-a-Dick, Twopenny, Red Cap, Mosquito, Peter, Cuzens, Tiger, Jim Crow, Bullocky, Dumas and Sundown — should, meanwhile, not be forgotten as the pioneers of Australian cricket.

TENNIS

McEnroe must be prepared to sacrifice more

From Barry Wood, Philadelphia

There are many people linked with the career of John McEnroe who will be anxiously watching which way the temperamental player swings this year. Will he continue to take part in the grind of the circuit or will he find the lure of raising his baby son a more pleasant prospect?

After his lengthy hiatus last year he declared himself fresh and eager once again. He announced a more mellow McEnroe. Things would be different from what had gone before. But within days he clashed with Boris Becker at Stratton, and the year ended with him receiving yet another suspension.

The EBEL Pro Indoor Tournament last week gave us a chance to judge his mood at the beginning of a new year and sadly nothing has changed. McEnroe was not a pleasure to watch. In the final rounds his caricature of a spoilt, sulky, eight-year-old child provided little entertainment value.

In the final against Tim Mayotte, which he lost in four sets, it was obvious that he was having great difficulty holding back from repeating his behaviour in the semi-final when he incurred a $1,000 fine for his language.

The mind could not help pondering why he continues to play. He obviously takes little joy in doing so and equally obvious is the fact that he is rich enough to leave the game if he chooses.

With the emphasis switching from finesse to power a situation exists that will leave McEnroe stranded unless he is prepared to sacrifice more than ever before to tournament preparation.

"I'm looking around for things to improve my conditioning but I don't feel like running miles or lifting weights," he admitted.

The end may be closer than we think. McEnroe has set his own targets, which include a return to the top six. It is then he will decide if the desire is there to take him on to the next level. If it is not, then this coming summer may be the last we shall see of him.

RESULTS: Ebel US Pro-Indoor tournament: Men's doubles: Final: S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp) bt C Steyn and D Visser (SA), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6.

Heston set strong

Heston, led by John Lloyd and the American, Peter Fleming, are threatening to race away with the £20,000 top prize in the new National Team Tennis League. After the first two matches in the event, sponsored by the Mortgage Corporation, they were unbeaten on 30 points, nine more than their nearest rivals, Telford.

Birmingham, Woking and Croydon were the home teams at the weekend. Birmingham's first night at the Aston Villa leisure centre was so successful that extra seating had to be put in on Sunday, and even then the 1,600 capacity was not enough.

Ian Peacock, chief executive of the LTA, said: "This new league has got to be good for tennis. There were more than 3,000 people watching."

RESULTS: Saturday: Group A: Birmingham lost to Manchester 2-3; Preston bt Middlesbrough 5-0. Group B: Croydon lost to Telford 2-3; Woking bt Bournemouth 3-2. Sunday: Group A: Birmingham bt Middlesbrough 3-2; Heston bt Manchester 5-0; Woking lost to Telford 1-4; Croydon bt Bournemouth 4-1.

Group A	P	W	Pts
Heston	2	2	30
Birmingham	2	1	14
Manchester	2	1	10
Middlesbrough	2	0	6

Group B	P	W	Pts
Telford	2	2	21
Croydon	2	1	18
Woking	2	1	11
Bournemouth	2	0	10

FOOTBALL

Napoli make hay without Maradona

By Simon O'Hagan

Any suggestions that **Napoli** might be a one-man team were confounded at the weekend when the absence of Diego Maradona through suspension proved no handicap in their 3-0 win over **Avellino**.

The result leaves Napoli two points clear at the top of the Italian championship, hotly pursued by **Inter-Milan, Juventus, AC Milan and Roma**. All top five clubs won on a day when the most remarkable individual performance came from Giuliano Giorgi, a **Brescia** defender who scored twice for the opposition and once for his own team as they went down 4-3 to **Fiorentina**.

Napoli's anxieties — understandable when you consider the inspirational role Maradona plays for them — were clearly apparent during the opening half. However, they made their breakthrough in the 57th minute with a goal from Bagni, which was soon followed by two more from Carnevale.

Behind Napoli there seems to be no sign of faltering. Inter, after also suffering an awkward first half, came through 2-0 against the bottom club, **Udinese**, with goals from Garlini and Altobelli.

Juventus's 3-0 victory over **Empoli** marked a long-awaited return to form by Platini. Orchestrating the Juventus attack with some characteristically inventive passing, Platini had a hand in all three goals, the first two of which — from Serena — came within 15 minutes of the start. Cabrini scored the third 12 minutes from the end.

Two goals from Virdis gave AC Milan a 2-1 win at **Atalanta** in a match which marked Hateley's first appearance of the year. His impressive performance could hardly have been better timed from an England point of view. Virdis has rather overshadowed Hateley this season, his 10 goals making him the Italian League's joint top scorer, along with Altobelli.

Roma kept in touch by winning 1-0 at **Verona**, Nela scoring with a shot from 30 yeards. This was Verona's first home defeat of the season.

The gap at the top of the Spanish League was reduced to two points when **Barcelona**, the leaders, were held to a 1-1 draw in the local derby against **Español**. **Real Madrid**, in second place, beat **Santander** 3-0, Sanchez scoring twice.

In the European Championship on Sunday, **Hungary** struggled to beat **Cyprus** 1-0 in Nicosia, although even this modest win, their first in their qualifying group, will have come as some encouragement to them after their disastrous 1986.

The match was Hungary's first under their new manager, Josef Verebes.

Poser for Platini

Turin (AFP) — Chicago businessman Sirio Tonelli, who has made a fortune building churches, wants former European player of the Year, Michel Platini, to relaunch the North American Soccer League.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Deportivo Espanol 0; River Plate 1, San Lorenzo 1; Independiente 2, Temperley 1; Instituto de Cordoba 1, Union de Santa Fe 1; Newell's Old Boys 1, Argentinos Juniors 0; Estudiantes de la Plata 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; Racing de Cordoba 1, Rosario Central 4; Deportivo Italiano 0, Talleres de Cordoba 0; Boca Juniors 1, Racing Club 0; Velez Sarsfield 1, Platense 1. Leading standings: =1, Newell's Old Boys and Independiente, played 27, 35 points; 3, San Lorenzo, 33.

BELGIAN: Lokeren 1, Standard 0; Racing Jet 1, Beerschot 0; Mechelen 1, Club Bruges 0; Waregem 2, Charleroi 0; Antwerp 3, Molenbeek 2; FC Liege 3, Kortrijk 0; Cercle Bruges 0, Seraing 0; Anderlecht 7, Berchem 0; Beveren 0, Gent 0. Leading standings: 1, Anderlecht, played 19, points 32; 2, FC Malines, 19, 29; 3, Beveren, 19, 28.

GREEK: Kalamaria 1, Doxa 0; Yiannina 2, AEK 0; Diagoras 1, Iraklis 2; Larissa 2, Appolon 0; Olympiakos 1, Aris 2; Panionios 0, OFI Crete 0; PAOK 2, Ethnikos 1; Panathinaikos 2, Veria 1. Leading standings: 1, Olympiakos, played 17, points 27; 2, PAOK, 17, 25; 3, OFI Crete, 17, 24.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Dundalk 2, Limerick City 1; Galway United 1, Cork City 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Athlone Town 0; Shamrock Rovers 4, Bray Wanderers 1; Sligo Rovers 0, Bohemians 0; Waterford United 3, Home Farm 1. Leading standings: 1, Shamrock Rovers, played 16, points 29; 2, Waterford United, 16, 23; 3, Dundalk, 16, 21.

ITALIAN: Napoli 3, Avellino 0; Fiorentina 4, Brescia 3; Juventus 3, Empoli 0; Atalanta 1, AC Milan 2; Verona 0, AS Roma 1; Como 0, Sampdoria 0; Ascoli 1, Torino 1; Inter Milan 2, Udinese 0. Leading standings: 1, Napoli, played 18, points 28; 2, Inter Milan, 18, 26; 3, Juventus, 18, 24.

PORTUGUESE: No matches played.

SPANISH: Las Palmas 0, Real Sociedad 1; Sevilla 0, Sabadell 1; Athletic Bilbao 0, Cadiz 0; Real Madrid 3, Santander 0; Valladolid 0, Real Mallorca 1; Espanol 1, Barcelona 1; Murcia 0, Osasuna Pamplona 0; Sporting Gijon 3, Betis 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Atletico Madrid 0. Leading standings: 1, Barcelona, played 26, points 39; 2, Real Madrid, 37; 3, Espanol, 32.

TURKISH: Rizespor 0, Samsunspor 0; Besiktas 1, Zonguldakspor 0; Trabzonspor 1, Fenerbahce 1; Altay 1, Boluspor 1; Ankaragucu 2, Sariyer 0; Diyarbakirspor 0, Genclerbirligi 0; Eskisehirspor 1, Malatyaspor 1; Antalyaspor 1, Denizlispor 1; Kocaelispor 2, Bursaspor 1. Leading standings: 1, Samsunspor, played 21, points 30; 2, Galatasaray, 20, 30; 3, Besiktas, 21, 28.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

First division
Chelsea v Oxford United

Fourth division
Scunthorpe Utd v Orient

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY
First round
Bury v Wigan

Northern Area
Quarter-finals
Bolton v Chester
Rochdale v Middlesbrough
Wrexham v Preston

Southern Area
Quarter-finals
Aldershot v Fulham
Bristol City v Brentford (7.45)
Port Vale v Gillingham
Swindon v Hereford (7.45)

Scottish first division
Dunfermline v Clyde
Montrose v Forfar
Partick v Morton

Scottish second division
Albion v Stirling
Alloa v Meadowbank
Berwick v Raith

OTHER MATCH: Bordeaux v Everton

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Sunderland; Manchester City v Oldham (7.45). **Second division:** Notts County v Doncaster.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0): Ipswich v Millwall; Reading v Fulham; Watford v Crystal Palace (7.30).

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Swansea City v Exeter City.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wycombe v Wimbledon.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Third round: Altrincham v Kettering; Aylesbury v Croydon; Runcorn v Alvechurch.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet v Bath.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Matlock v Caernarfon. Second round replay: Burton v Marine.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Second round: Erith and Belvedere v Chatham; Willenhall v Hednesford. Second round replay: Dorchester v Gloucester. **Premier division:** Folkestone v Fisher. **Midland division:** Halesowen v Mile Oak; Leamington v Banbury. **Southern division:** Woodford v Trowbridge (7.45).

AC DELCO CUP: Fourth round: Hitchin v Bognor.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Carshalton; Harrow v Bishop's Stortford. **First division:** Basildon v Lewes; Finchley v Leyton Wingate; Kingsbury v Bracknell; Leytonstone Ilford v Boreham Wood; Maidenhead United v Staines. **Second division north:** Cheshunt v Clapton; Haringey v Hertford. **Second division south:** Eastbourne United v Horsham; Egham v Southall.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Slough v Buckingham.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final replay: Saffron Walden v Braintree.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hampton v Feltham; Wembley v Ruislip Manor.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Desborough v Corby.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round replays: Leatherhead v Chertsey; Walton and Hersham v Ash.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Colchester United v Clapton; Great Yarmouth v Stowmarket; Sudbury v Harwich and Parkeston; Watton v Haverhill.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Weston-super-Mare v Bristol Manor Farm.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Dover v Thanet.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Three Bridges v Arundel.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v London Legal League XI (at Grange Road, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Newport v Bridgend; Penarth v Ebbw Vale; Plymouth v RAF.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: First round: Blackpool v Wakefield (8.0).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Carlsberg first division men: Sharp Manchester United v Homespare Bolton and Bury (8.0).

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE (6.30): Ardleigh Hall v Arrow Village; Home Ales Nottingham v Chapel Allerton; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill v InterCity Cannons; Manchester Northern v Visco Monroe; Halls West Country v Central-Shol Oadby.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Kent championships (at Walnuts SC, Orpington).

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship (at Coatbridge, 1.30).

BOXING: Tournaments: Park Hall Hotel, Wolverhampton; Frontier Club, Batley.

SKIING: British alpine championships (at Courmayeur, Italy).

SNOOKER: Tolly Ales English classic (at Corn Exchange, Ipswich); Matchroom Welsh professional championship (Newport Centre, 10.30).

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite circuit (at Telford).

ICE HOCKEY

Moria still flying high

By Norman de Mesquita

To succeed, an ice hockey team needs a dozen or more reliable players. Unfortunately, too many Heineken League teams are expecting too much from their imports, and some of those who have been here all season are looking jaded. In contrast, the more recent arrivals are having a significant influence.

Steve Moria joined **Fife Flyers** at the beginning of January and has scored 29 goals and 50 assists in only 11 games. He had a 24-point weekend as Flyers outclassed **Solihull Barons** and **Streatham Redskins**.

Murrayfield Racers and **Cleveland Bombers**, on the other hand, had a penalty-free game that saw Tony Hand break his own points record and Cleveland suffer their 19th winless away game — a league record.

Peterborough Pirates continue to ride roughshod over all first division opposition, with their imports getting less ice time. While Garry Unger, Todd Bidner and Doug McEwen are the three leading scorers in the league, an increasingly important role is being played by the rest of the squad.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 2, Durham Wasps 13; Fife Flyers 20, Solihull Barons 6; Nottingham Panthers 5, Murrayfield Racers 8; Dundee Rockets 16, Solihull Barons 4; Durham Wasps 16, Ayr Bruins 2; Murrayfield Racers 10, Cleveland Bombers 5; Streatham Redskins 5, Fife Flyers 13; Whitley Warriors 2, Nottingham Panthers 7. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 8, Richmond Flyers 12; Bournemouth Stags 16, Irvine Wings 8; Swindon Wildcats 4, Peterborough Pirates 18; Sunderland Chiefs 3, Slough Jets 10; Telford Tigers 18, Southampton Vikings 8; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 4, Slough Jets 7; Lee Valley Lions 14, Peterborough Pirates 17; Medway Bears 13, Irvine Wings 7; Richmond Flyers 10, Oxford City Stars 10; Trafford Metros 6, Telford Tigers 12.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 14 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X Coventry v Chelsea
1 Liverpool v Leicester
1 Luton v Aston Villa
1 Manchester U v Watford
1 Norwich v Manchester C
1 Nottingham F v W Ham
2 Oxford v Everton
1 QPR v Newcastle
2 Sheffield W v Arsenal
1 Tottenham v Sthampton
Not on coupons: Wimbledon v Charlton (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 Birmingham v Brighton
1 C Palace v Bradford
X Grimsby v Reading
2 Leeds v Barnsley
1 Millwall v Sheffield U
1 Oldham v Ipswich
1 Plymouth v Blackburn
1 Portsmouth v Hull
1 Shrewsbry v Huddersfld
X Sunderland v Derby
2 WBA v Stoke

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bournemth v Mansfield
1 Bury v York
X Carlisle v Bristol C
X Chesterfld v Middlesbro
1 Doncaster v Newport
X Fulham v Notts Co
1 Gillingham v Chester
1 Port Vale v Bolton
1 Swindon v Walsall
Not on coupons: Bristol Rovers v Rotherham; Darlington v Brentford (Sunday); Wigan v Blackpool (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

2 Aldershot v Torquay
X Burnley v Wolves
X Camb U v Tranmere
X Cardiff v Exeter
X Crewe v Peterboro
X Orient v Hereford
1 Preston v Scunthorpe
1 Southend v Lincoln
1 Wrexham v Hartlepool
Not on coupons: Colchester v Rochdale (Friday); Northampton v Swansea; Stockport v Halifax

MUTLIPART LEAGUE

1 Bangor v Goole
1 Buxton v Chorley
2 Horwich v Caernarfon
1 Macclesfield v Matlock
1 S Liverpool v Hyde
1 Workington v Worksop

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Hearts
1 Dundee U v Motherwell
2 Falkirk v Aberdeen
1 Hamilton v Dundee
1 Hibernian v Clydebank
2 St Mirren v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Brechin v Clyde
1 Dunfermline v Montrose
1 East Fife v Forfar
1 Morton v Airdrie
1 Partick v Kilmarnock
2 Q of Sth v Dumbarton

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Albion v St Johnstone
Not on coupons: Alloa v Raith; Arbroath v Ayr; Berwick v Stirling; E Stirling v Cowdenbeath; Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank; Stranraer v Queen's Park.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Grimsby, Sunderland, Carlisle, Chesterfield, Fulham, Burnley, Cambridge, Cardiff, Crewe, Orient, Brechin, Albion.

BEST DRAWS: Sunderland, Chesterfield, Fulham, Cardiff, Brechin.

AWAYS: Arsenal, Stoke, Caernarfon, Aberdeen, Rangers.

HOMES: Liverpool, Luton, Norwich, QPR, Tottenham, Birmingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Gillingham, Wrexham, Bangor, Dunfermline.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Tottenham, Birmingham, Gillingham, Dunfermline. Aways: Barnsley, Torquay, Rangers. Draws: Chesterfield, Fulham, Cardiff.

ROWING

The great American disaster and the great British institution

Simon Barnes

Yesterday was official Putting-A-Brave-Face-On-It Day in the Boat Race. The attempt to oust the Oxford president with a military coup had foundered, and the four main men in the Great American Rebellion had walked out in a huff. Now it was time for the two presidents to announce their crews to the waiting world, while the sponsors, Beefeater Gin, beamed heartily at all the wonderful publicity that only a full-blooded row can bring.

Plenty of people are saying how much it serves Oxford right, because for years they have been filling their boat with enormous beefsteak-muscled and vastly experienced international oarsmen from the United States. Now they have reaped the whirlwind, Cambridge men say. Tee hee. Next year, perhaps, Oxford will bring in Dennis Conner, giving him a *perfectly genuine* place on his academic merits, to read astro-physics, perhaps, or maybe something on Proust's use of the telephone, and in his spare moments he can cox Oxford in the Boat Race.

The Boat Race is a peculiar as well as a peculiarly British event. Like the Derby, it is run over an extraordinary and not necessarily completely fair course. And like the Derby, it is one of London's grand traditional and totally free days out. No other university sporting event has such a tradition, or such an audience. And no other university sporting event is of such quality; the crews are nothing less than international standard. This year's pre-revolutionary Oxford lot was to have been the strongest Boat Race crew ever, at least according to Oxford sources. Maintaining such dizzy standards of rowing excellence in what is, after all, supposed to be an academic institution is not easy, particularly with changing ideas of what a university is supposed to do, and who it is supposed to do it to. "I wouldn't get into Oxford as an undergraduate these days," Dan Topolski, Oxford's chief coach and renaissance man, said.

It seems that the best answer has been to pack the boats with men in their full strength, rather than callow undergraduates; men with fearsome international rowing records. One can only speculate how much their rowing abilities have to do with their admission as postgraduates. "Americans have been rowing in the Boat Race for years, and on both sides," Topolski said. "Americans have always added abrasiveness, positiveness and excitement to the events."

The whole kerfuffle centred around an American called Clark, who sounds like the kind of American that America and even Oxford can do without. "He was dropped for *non-cooperation all the way* down the line," Topolski said. "He was continually walking out, disrupting the squad and undermining the confidence of the group."

Topolski has won 11 out of 12 Boat Races. One must assume he knows a bit about training Boat Race crews. "It has all been so wearying and depressing," he said. "I only coach the crew for my pleasure. If there is no pleasure, there is no point."

He is planning a trip in the footsteps of Marco Polo once the race is done. No one has ever accused him of being a single-minded sporting fanatics. "We have lost two weeks, but we still have a very strong crew," he said stoutly. "We have lost power, but we have gained rhythm."

CREWS FOR THE 133rd BOAT RACE

Cambridge University

- *I Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam), bow
- R Spink (Sherborne and Downing)
- N Grundy (St Edward's, Oxford and Jesus)
- M Brittin (Hampton and Robinson)
- *S Peel (King's, Chester and Downing)
- *P Broughton (Southampton U and Magdalene)
- J Garman (Shrewsbury and St John's)
- *J Pew (Stanford Univ, US and Trinity), stroke
- J Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke), cox, or . . .
- S Loveridge (Radley and Trinity)

Oxford University

- T Ward (King's, Chester and Oriel), bow
- P Gish (Fairfield University, US and Oriel)
- H Pelham (St Edward's, Oxford and Christ Church)
- *D Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield)
- T Cadoux-Hudson (Radley and New College)
- G Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham)
- R Hull (Wymondham, Cambridge University and Oriel)
- P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford), stroke
- A Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), cox.

* a Blue

Focal points: Peel, of Cambridge (left), and Macdonald, of Oxford (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Peace at last for Oxford

By Jim Railton

The Oxford and Cambridge crews for the Boat Race on March 28 were announced yesterday by the two presidents, Donald Macdonald, of Oxford, and Stephen Peel, of Cambridge. The occasion at Beefeater House attracted an unprecedented media turnout for this event. But there were no surprises. The leading Oxford American oarsmen, who walked out last week, were of course omitted from Dark Blues's selection.

Macdonald, who has been a central figure in the Oxford controversy and at 31 will be the oldest oarsman to row in the Boat Race — overhauling the record he achieved last year — looked less tense than he has in the last fortnight. On Sunday his latest issue, Alasdair, was christened. He said: "This crew could be moulded into an Oxford Boat Race crew to rival previous winning Oxford crews. The two weeks of disruption clearly have not helped. It would have been better to have had all this trouble earlier rather than later."

Macdonald is the only blue in the Oxford crew. Oxford have on board Gavin Stewart, last year's Isis member, who stands 6ft 8in and with a weight of 16st 7lb could be the heaviest oarsman of all time to contest the Boat Race. Oxford's anchorman is Tom Cadoux-Hudson at five, a world medal winner who also has many Henley trophies inscribed with his name.

Peel's crew includes four winning blues, Ian Clarke, Patrick Broughton, the American, Jim Pew, and the president himself. Peel backed Macdonald in the dispute by saying he would only accept a challenge from the Oxford president. Cambridge include the young talented international Matthew Brittin, who will be one of the youngest to contest the Boat Race. The expected minimum of six Americans in this year's Boat Race has been reduced to two in Peter Gish, of Oxford, and Pew, of Cambridge.

Oxford and Cambridge can expect fierce opposition over the next two weekends from London University on the Tideway. Every time there is a crisis in the Boat Race, London offer to step in and did so again this time. Their tragedy is that they will always be a Boat Race bridesmaid

FOOTBALL

Another promotion for 'England's future captain'

By a Special Correspondent

Phase one of the transformation from potential to fact is complete. Tony Adams, aged 20, the 6ft 3in Arsenal defender, is in the England squad which travels to Madrid for the international against Spain a week tomorrow and nobody is surprised.

The rumour started towards the end of the 1984-85 season. "Future England captain" was its substance. Since then it has been simply a matter of time. Well, not exactly.

A little over 12 months ago, Adams was recovering from a stress fracture of the right foot, an injury which forced him to wear a healing contraption which would not have looked out of place in the chamber of horrors, in the certain knowledge that his reward would be a place at the back end of a queue of four players contesting two central defensive positions at Highbury.

Adams knew that while Don Howe was in charge, O'Leary's partner would be Caton, if Caton was injured it would be Keown, if Keown was injured, and only then, it would be Adams.

What Adams could not have imagined was that the man who was responsible for bringing him to Arsenal and planning his development, Steve Burtenshaw, was about to make the leap from chief scout to caretaker-manager and that an injury to O'Leary was about to give Burtenshaw the chance to give Adams the opportunity to make a name for himself. He did. Caton and Keown have moved on.

The performance of Adams in the final countdown of last season persuaded Arsenal's new manager, George Graham, that, in Lukic, Anderson, O'Leary, Adams and Sansom, he had his defence. Until Sunday's Littlewoods Cup semi-final, first leg defeat by Tottenham Hotspur, when Caesar replaced the injured Anderson, that has been the status quo and a debit column of 15 goals from 26 League matches proved the point.

Bobby Robson has been watching. All the Englishmen in Arsenal's back four will fly to Spain. He knew about the others, but what of Adams?

"The boy has everything," the England manager, says. "He is tall, quick, good in the air, reads the play well and, above all, seems to have great composure for a player of his age. It has simply been a case of him gathering experience."

Maybe so. But it is to be hoped that if *Adams is blooded* at the Bernabeu, he will not be expected to answer Robson's problems at a stroke.

Adams is aware that playing alongside his international colleagues at Arsenal has made his task immeasurably more straightforward than that of Mark Wright, of Southampton, Terry Fenwick, of Queen's Park Rangers, Alvin Martin, of West Ham United, or Dave Watson, of Norwich City, in recent seasons.

He admits: "They have eased me through the early pressures and shielded me when I've made mistakes. All I have to do is fit in."

Everyone understands that the nature of international football is sink or swim: too few *matches, snap judgements* required, and so on. What Adams requires is suspension of the mood of mere hysteria which has encouraged many to believe that he was born for the job, for, if the balance between the protection and projection is redressed, Adams has a real chance of living up to his advance publicity.

Dein in charge

David Dein, of Arsenal will chair the Football League Commission of inquiry into artificial pitches. The commission was set up at the request of clubs at the recent meeting at Villa Park, when further development of artificial pitches was barred for three years.

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship, Coatbridge. (BBC2: 3.30, 4.30 and 11.20pm).

CRICKET: World Series Cup final, Sydney (Wednesday: BBC1: 3.30-6.55am. BBC2: 7.20-9.05am. BBC1: 9.05-11.15am).

SQUASH RACKETS

Hickox leaves chrysalis and clips Martin's wings

From Colin McQuillan, Stockholm

The squash world, particularly that part of it with British or Canadian sympathies, has long awaited the maturing of Jamie Hickox, a mid-Atlantic maverick who has dominated the domestic junior game for years but consistently failed to impose his flamboyant and inventive game at international level.

It was suitable that Hickox, who plays winter squash on his British passport and summer tennis on his Canadian documentation, chose to burst from the chrysalis on his 23rd birthday, the very day he ceased to qualify as a junior, defeating the fancied young Australian, Rodney Martin, 8-9, 9-7, 9-6, 10-9 in the semi-finals of the Aneby Swedish Open championships at Stockholm.

Martin, aged 21, is the product of Geoff Hunt's Australian Institute of Squash who has twice won the British under-23 open title. Hickox has owned the equivalent British closed title twice as long, but that achievement has attracted rather less excitement than Martin's world class.

Yet Hickox, who had to qualify in Stockholm, showed on the all-glass Telecourt a capability to match Martin shot for shot, invention for invention, in a manner which had 1,000 Swedes in the Royal Circus Arena cheerfully involved in their first major view of a sport often accused elsewhere of spectator tedium.

The two youngsters emerged unseeded from a half of the draw containing Philip Kenyon and Hiddy Jahan, of England, the world No. 3 Stuart Davenport, of New Zealand, and the top-ranked Australian, Ross Thorne. They manufactured a semi-final which had old hands of the international circuit wondering about the continued efficacy of the percentage game.

The women's game could flourish similarly if the return to form by Lisa Opie, the British champion, continues as indicated in Stockholm. Miss Opie was beaten 9-5, 5-9, 9-3, 1-9, 9-1 in the Swedish Open final by Susan Devoy, the world champion, but she moved with fluency and won the fourth game with shot-making élan, such that much may be anticiapted for the rest of the European season and the world championships.

Only a totally unexpected and seemingly unnecessary change of balls for the fifth game prevented the British champion from maintaining a momentum towards a much closer finish.

HOCKEY

Martin rejects chance to captain Britain

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Martin, of Belfast YMCA and a member of the Olympic bronze medal-winning team in Los Angeles, has turned down an invitation to captain the British team at the six nations invitation tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia, starting on April 14. He will be married on the preceding day. However, both Martin and McConnell, another prominent member of the Los Angeles team, are available for the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam, from June 18-28, and the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

The British team for Ipoh, composed largely of junior players, will probably be selected after a training weekend, on April 4 and 5.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: First round: North: Neston 2, Liverpool Sefton 0; Southport 2, Ramgharia 1 (aet); Farsley 2, Hightown 4; Welton, 7 Norton 1. Midlands: Derby 1, Leicester Westleigh 1 (Leicester win on penalties). East: Grimsby 1, Wisbech 2; Pelicans 2, Ipswich 2 (Ipswich win on penalties); RAF Support Command 2, Cambridge Nomads 1 (aet). West: Leominster 0, Bream 4; Exeter Crickets 0, Tauntonvale 1. South: Southgate 5, Lewes 1; Weybridge Hawks 3, Havant 4; Chichester 1, Surbiton 3 (aet).

● Britain's women's squad for the Olympics has already been announced. It is now in full training for the first of two qualifying tournaments in Edinburgh from April 5 to 11, when the other teams will be The Netherlands, South Korea, the United States, Spain and Ireland.

SQUAD: J Atkin (Eng), W Banks (Wales), G Brown (Eng), K Brown (Eng), M Cheetham (Eng), J Cook (Eng), V Dixon (Eng), W Fraser (Scot), B Hansby (Eng), C Jordan (Scot), V McBride (N Ire), M McLeod (Scot), G Messenger (Scot), K Parker (Eng), A Ramsay (Scot), C Rule

Getty's gift

J Paul Getty jun. yesterday gave £10,000 towards the £100,000 Gloucestershire need to build an indoor cricket school.

ICE SKATING

Fulton in line for a call-up

By Michael Coleman

Fresh from her Sarajevo senior baptism, Gina Fulton will resume full-time training at Sunderland ice rink today and attempt to remove the shortcomings revealed in last week's European championships.

Miss Fulton, twelfth at Sarajevo, cannot afford to waste time after being named as reserve for the British team who depart for the world championships in Cincinnati in three weeks' time. There is a strong possibility that Miss Fulton, aged 15, from Sacriston, County Durham, will replace Joanne Conway, who may be withdrawn by her American trainer, Carlo Fassi, if her form has been too seriously affected by a recent ankle injury.

Fassi and his wife, Christa, won two prized laurels on Saturday by seeing two of the girls they train alongside Miss Conway at Colorado Springs come first and third in the United States national championships. Gill Trenary deprived Debi Thomas, the world champion, of her national title while Caryn Kadavy was third behind Miss Thomas.

This was an exceptional achievement by Miss Trenary, only fifth in last year's American championships and second to the Canadian, Elizabeth Manley, at the St Ivel contest in Richmond last September. With the experienced Tiffany Chin, twice world bronze medal winner, pushed down to fourth, Miss Kadavy can also be expected to be named for Cincinnati.

The task of grooming two girls to take on the redoubtable Katarina Witt at Cincinnati and stem a total outflow of medals to Eastern Europe — a nightmare for the Americans — will tax the Fassis' capacity to the utmost.

Digby gets a cap

Nottingham Forest have four players in the England under-21 squad for the friendly with Spain in Burgos on February 18, including Carr and Clough. Fairclough gets in the squad as an over-age defender.

Digby, the Swindon goalkeeper who was signed for £25,000 from Manchester United, gets his first call, along with McDonald, of Newcastle, Parkin, of Stoke, and Porter, of Watford.

Cottee is the only full cap in the party of 17, dropped down from the seniors to fill one of the over-age slots, and gain more experience as a starter than he might from the substitutes' bench in the senior party.

UNDER 21-SQUAD: P Suckling (Manchester City), F Digby (Swindon Town); N McDonald (Newcastle United), A Dorigo (Aston Villa), S Parkin (Stoke City), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), C Fairclough (Nottingham Forest), S Morgan (Leicester), G Parker (Hull), D Rocastle (Arsenal), M Brennan (Ipswich Town), J Dozzell (Ipswich Town), G Porter (Watford), F Carr (Nottingham Forest), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), A Cottee (West Ham United), M Hayes (Arsenal).

FA Vase draw

Falmouth Town, playing in the FA Vase for the first time, face a long journey to St Helens in the quarter-finals.

DRAW: St Helens v Falmouth; Haverhill v Warrington; Emley v Dawlish; Collier Row or Havant v Garforth.

Ties to be played on February 28.

Wales beckon Hughes to pair with Rush

Mark Hughes, the Barcelona forward, has been reunited with Ian Rush for Wales's international against the Soviet Union at Swansea next Wednesday. Hughes missed the 1-1 draw with Finland through European championship suspension and has not played alongside Rush since the goalless draw against Uruguay last April.

Mike England, the Wales manager, hopes, however, that although Hughes must again miss the return leg against Finland, he will return against Czechoslovakia, also in April.

SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), E Niedzwiecki (Chelsea); N Slatter (Oxford United), P van den Hauwe (Everton), K Ratcliffe (Everton), K Jackett (Watford), R James (Queen's Park Rangers), L Phillips (Coventry City), P Nicholas (Luton Town), M Aizlewood (Leeds United), C Blackmore (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Barcelona), M Allen (Watford), G Hodges (Wimbledon), J Charles (Oxford United).

Wilson called into Northern Ireland squad

A mother's influence on Northern Ireland's international football team was again to the fore yesterday when the 17-player panel was named for the international against Israel in Tel Aviv on February 18 (George Ace writes). The only newcomer is Kevin Wilson, the Ipswich forward, whose mother was born in Dungiven.

Wilson becomes the third player to be enlisted by the manager, Billy Bingham, since the laws pertaining to qualification were widened

SQUAD: P Hughes (Bury), G Dunlop (Linfield), G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), J McClelland (Watford, capt), J O'Neill (Leicester City), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), P Ramsey (Leicester City), M Donaghy (Luton Town), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), B McNally (Shrewsbury Town), N Whiteside (Manchester United), D Wilson (Brighton), S Penney (Brighton), I Stewart (Newcastle United), L Sanchez (Wimbledon), C Clarke (Southampton), K Wilson (Ipswich Town).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Smith has Olympics in sights

Harvey Smith, a professional since 1972, wants a place in Britain's Olympic showjumping team. Smith, the most controversial figure in the sport, has decided to apply for reinstatement as an amateur as the first step to winning a ticket to Seoul next year.

Smith's son, Robert, and the former world champion, David Broome, have also applied for re-instatement and officials expect Nick Skelton to join them.

In control

Mr Frank Taylor, an accountant, has been appointed Administrator of Tranmere Rovers Football Club in one of the first appointments to be made under the provisions of the 1986 Insolvency Act. While the club looks for a buyer he will control its affairs.

Acceptance

Holland, Switzerland and Sweden have accepted invitations to send six-strong teams to the Hewlett-Packard International Open swimming tournament at Ipswich from February 26 to March 1. Thirty leading British competitors have been invited.

Millfield goal

Millfield School are set for three successive wins in the Barclays Bank National Schools' girls hockey championship. They won in 1985 and 1986 and on Saturday qualified again for the finals, on March 13, when they came first in the West round of the Under-18 championship at Cheltenham.

Bale upset

Stuart Bale, a hard-hitting north Londoner, produced an early upset in the LTA men's satellite tennis tournament at Telford yesterday beating the second favourite, Christer Allgardh (Sweden) 6-3, 6-3 to join David Felgate (Essex) in the second round. Felgate had a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Lancashire's Andrew Sproule.

SWIMMING

Frustrations fired that victory effort

By Roy Moor

The world-best 100-metre short-course breaststroke swim by Adrian Moorhouse at Bonn last weekend was a fitting reward for the disciplined training he has undergone during the years since Duncan Goodhew won the Olympic gold for the event at Moscow in 1980.

Goodhew's success there inspired Moorhouse, then an outstanding 15-year-old junior with an ambition to achieve similar sporting glory.

After winning the 100m Commonwealth Games title in Brisbane in 1982, the 200m European title a year later, and finishing second in the 100m at the same meeting, hopes had run high that Moorhouse could record a triple of Olympic breaststroke gold medal wins for Britain in Los Angeles in 1984. Four years before Goodhew's success, David Wilkie had won the Olympic title for the 200m breaststroke with a world record at Montreal.

But it was not to be. Moorhouse's best was fourth place in the Los Angeles 100m final. The experience of competing in the Los Angeles games nonetheless taught Moorhouse to be steeled mentally as well as physically when such prized honours were at stake.

He thought he had succeeded at the world championships in Madrid last summer when he won the 100m breastroke final only to be told by a fellow competitor in the dressing room while waiting for the medal ceremony that he had been disqualified.

It was shattering news for Moorhouse and his team manager Gerry Thain too. Appeals were lodged but to no avail. Officialdom argued that Moorhouse had made an illegal leg flip as he came out of the turn. Body blow as it was, it is to Moorhouse's credit he refused to believe he was not the true No. 1 in the world for the 100m

The chance to prove it came in Bonn, with Victor Davis, the Canadian who was crowned world champion because of Moorhouse's disqualification, travelling specially from Canada for the Bonn showdown. None of us who witnessed the pugnacity of the swim that brought Moorhouse the world's first time inside the minute for the 100m with 59.75 will doubt his rightful status.

Moorhouse will be having another two races in Hamburg tonight against the West German champion, Rolf Beab, over 50m and 200m, but no record attempts are planned.

In the light of some the other performances in the three international meets over the past 10 days, the selectors may need to assess whether several regulars in the squad should make way for others.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MAGGLINGEN: Swiss indoor championships: Shot putt: 1, W Guenthoer (Switz), 22.26m (world best).
EAST BERLIN: East German indoor championships: 100yds: 1, H Drechsler (EG), 10.15sec (world best).
VALENCIA: Marathon: 1, M Bugaj (Pol), 2hr 19min 06sec; 2, B Bruera (It), 2:20:39; 3, I Martinez (Sp), 2:22:46. Women: 1, E Mrzosek (Pol), 2:46:54; 2, T Ball (GB), 2:52:39; 3, D Albors (Sp), 3:02:55.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: USBA light-middleweight championship: D Curry bt T Montgomery, (disq fifth round).
PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island: IBF lightweight eliminator: V Pazienza (US) bt R Elizondo (US), rsf, tenth round.
ANTIBES: European light-welter championship: T N'Kalankete (Fr) bt T Laing (GB), ninth round.

CRICKET

FOSTERS NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Northern: Rochdale 125, Hull 78; Derby 28, Sheffield 138, Warrington 73, Manchester 76.

FIGURE SKATING

TACOMA, Washington: US championships: Men: Freestyle: 1, B Boitano; 2, C Bowman; 3, P Wylie; 4, S Williams; 5, D Doran; 6, A D'Agostino. Women: Freestyle: 1, J Trenary; 2, D Thomas; 3, C Kadavy; 4, T Harding; 5, T Chin; 6, C Bortz.

GOLF

SARASOTA: LPGA Classic: (US unless stated): 281: N Lopez, 73, 66, 68, 74. 284: A M Palli (Fr), 73, 70, 72, 69; K Baker, 72, 68, 72, 72. 285: H Farr, 72, 72, 71, 70; C Johnson, 67, 72, 74, 72. 287: J Rosenthal, 73, 72, 72, 70. 288; M Moore, 76, 70, 73, 69; Ok Hee Ku (S Kor) 73, 70, 73, 72; J Inkster, 75, 70, 70, 73. 289: S Furlong, 74, 71, 71, 73; J Cole, 72, 70, 74, 73; T J Myers, 74, 67, 75, 73; H Stacy, 72, 73, 70, 74

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: EK '82 19, Salford 23.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Tryst 20, Yull and Dodd 21

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Alphaprint Royals 104 (Hale 33, Knuckles 30, Keenan 21), Calderdale Explorers 119 (Blunt 39, Johnson 25, Bell 18); Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 88 (Scantlebury 23, Rivers 21, Andrews 13), Birmingham Heartbeat '86 99 (Hays 29, Shoulders 28, Harris 10); Leicester Riders 100 (Young 40, Vaughan 35, Harris 12), Drapers Tools Solent Stars 98 (Marsh 27, Lewis 26, Robinson 17); Sharp Manchester United 91 (Phillips 24, Brown 20, Jones 17), Polycell Kingston 85 (Clark 22, Davis 21, Bontrager 20); HFS Portsmouth 114 (Cunningham 24, Moore 19, Irish 18), Homespare Bolton and Bury 86 (Crosby 24, Kittles 22, Jordan 14); Sunderland 76ers 112 (Saunders 52, McCray 26, Lynch 15), BCP London 118 (Roberts 30, Bett 24, Sampson 22). Second division: Colchester 96, Rhondda 156; Ellesmere Port 88, Lambeth 99; Swindon 77, Walsall 128; Tower Hamlets 97, Plymouth 89.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	21	20	1	40
Portsmouth	20	18	2	36
Man Utd	22	17	5	34
BCP London	20	15	5	30
Leicester	21	14	7	28
Bracknell	21	9	12	18
Calderdale	20	8	12	16
Birmingham	20	7	13	14
Solent	22	7	15	14
Hemel/Watford	20	6	14	12
Sunderland	20	5	15	10
Bolton/Bury	19	4	15	8
Derby	20	3	17	6

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): All-Star game: Western Conference 154, Eastern Conference 149 (ot).

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	34	12	.739	—
Philadelphia 76ers	28	19	.596	6½
Washington Bullets	24	22	.522	10
New York Knicks	15	32	.319	19½
New Jersey Nets	11	35	.234	23½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Hawks	29	16	.644	—
Detroit Pistons	29	16	.644	—
Milwaukee Bucks	29	21	.580	2½
Chicago Bulls	22	23	.489	7
Indiana Pacers	21	25	.457	8½
Cleveland Cavaliers	18	29	.383	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	30	16	.652	—
Utah Jazz	28	18	.609	2
Houston Rockets	24	22	.522	6
Denver Nuggets	22	26	.458	9
San Antonio Spurs	18	29	.383	12½
Sacramento Kings	14	32	.304	16

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	35	12	.745	—
Portland Trail Blazers	30	19	.612	6
Seattle SuperSonics	25	22	.532	10
Golden State Warriors	25	24	.510	11
Phoenix Suns	20	28	.417	15½
Los Angeles Clippers	7	39	.152	27½

HANG GLIDING

MOUNT BUFFALO, Victoria: World Masters championships: 1, R Duncan (Aus), 6,424pts; 2, J Flynn (GB), 6,218; 3, R Haney (Can), 6,168; 4, J Lee (US), 6,164; 5, S Moyes (Aus), 6,142; 6, J Pendry (GB), 5,775; 7, D Ziege (WG), 5,625; 8, L Hull (GB), 5,491; 9, R Duncan (Aus), 5,471; 10, D Scott (US), 5,357.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Celestion amateur doubles championship: First round: J S Male and R Owen-Browne bt P Mallinson and A Mallinson 15-6, 5-15, 15-2, 15-0, 15-5; C J Hue Williams and J A N Prenn bt J Mallinson and W Malloy 15-3, 15-2, 15-2, 15-8; D Ruck-Keene and T M Brudenell bt R Mason and P Begg 15-3, 15-4, 15-12, 15-8; D V Watkins and M Wilson bt J Hughes and P Titchener 15-4, 15-3, 10-15, 11-15, 18-13, 11-15, 15-3; C Worlidge and J Spurling w/o A Anton and W Donger.

RUGBY UNION

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 22, Edinburgh 4.
COUNTY MATCH: Warwickshire 23, East Midlands 10
DEVON CUP: Quarter-finals: Crediton 15, Bideford 3; Sidmouth 8, Plymouth Albion 36.
DORSET AND WILTS CUP: Semi-finals: Salisbury 7, Swindon 3; Wimborne 15, Sherborne 6.
EAST MIDLANDS CUP: Semi-final: Kettering 16, Leighton Buzzard 27.

SHOOTING

PORTSMOUTH: Smallbore rifle teams: Women: 1, Civil Service 1,932 (R Atkinson 199); 2, WRNS 1,903 (F Kay 196). London: 1, Civil Service 1,935 (A White 195); 2, WRAF 1,918 (I Archard 197); 3, WRAC 1,882 (D Curran 193). Estelle Brown Trophy (Civil Service Agg): Atkinson 394.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Matchroom Welsh professional championships: First round: W Jones bt M Bennett 6-3. Frame scores: (Jones first): 66-40, 58-38, 64-61, 64-42, 28-64, 25-67, 106-62, 52-69, 87-32.

SKIING

COURMAYEUR, Italy: Hill Samuel British Services international championship: Men's slalom: (50 gates): 1, M Messner (Alpina), 1min 32.59sec; 2, F Cattadini (Alpina), 1:35.59; 3, R Augschaller (Alpina), 1:36.02; 4, W Taunton-Burnett (British Army), 1:37.84; 5, M Macrae (Royal Navy), 1:38.53. Combined team winners: 1, Alpina; 2, British Army; 3, RAF; 4, Royal Navy; 5, USA.

SPEED SKATING

WEST ALLIS, Wisconsin: World championship: Women: 1,500m: 1, K Kania (EG), 2min 08.90sec; 2, A Ehrig (EG), 2:10.61; 3, Y van Gennip (Neth), 2:11.81. 5,000m: 1, Ehrig, 7:48.86; 2, Kania, 7:50.15; 3, van Gennip, 7:53.27. Overall: 1, Kania, 176.72pts; 2, Ehrig, 177.36; 3, van Gennip, 180.38.

TENNIS

TELFORD: LTA indoor satellite tournament: First round: M Gustavsson (Swe) bt J C Baguena (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; E Riley (US) bt B Horvat (Yug), 6-2, 6-1; M Christensen (Den) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt F Errard (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; M Tauson (Den) bt K Alko (Fin), 7-5, 6-3; P Pech (Fr) bt B Levine (SA), 7-6, 7-5; S Gerrard (Fr) bt L Wangren (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; H McDadi (Can) bt P Svensson (Swe), 7-6, 6-2.
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: Women's under-21 tournament: Final: M Maleeva (Bul) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-2, 6-2.
WICHITA, Kansas: Women's tournament: Final: B Potter (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 7-6, 7-6. Doubles final: Savchenko and S Parkhomenko (USSR) bt Potter and White (US), 6-2, 6-4.
INDIAN WELLS, California: Newsweek women's tournament: Final: S Graf (WG) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 6-0, 6-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

HULL: Northern championship: Humberside 1, Durham 4.
LEEDS: White Rose Yorks championships: Final: T Clark bt N Horn 1-9, 1-9, 9-1, 9-5, 10-8.

LACROSSE

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Kenton 11, Cambridge University 5.

CROSS COUNTRY

CHIGWELL ROW: Metropolitan League: (5 miles): 1, R Thurlow (W London), 25:26; 2, A Catton (Ilford), 25.33; 3, M Philpott (Hillingdon), 26.03. Veterans: D Galloway (N London) 27.30. Teams: 1, Shaftesbury Harriers 2,398pts; 2, Watford Green 2,293; 3, TVH 2,207. Champions: 1, TVH 12,534.
WIMBLEDON COMMON: Surrey League: (5 miles): 1, B Ford (Aldershot and Farnham), 28:11; 2, I Archbald (Herne Hill), 28:17; 3, R Partridge (Aldershot), 28:24. Veteran: J Bicourt (Belgrave Harriers), 28:06. Team: 1, Aldershot 130pts; 2, Belgrave 232; 3, Herne Hill 294. Leading positions: 1, Aldershot 554; 2, Belgrave 629; 3, Herne Hill 827.
BECKENHAM: Kent League: (5 miles): 1, J Campbell (Dartford), 31:02; 2, J Wigley (Invicta), 31:29; 3, G Wightman (Dartford), 31.44. Team: 1, Dartford 32; 2, Invicta 34; 3, Tonbridge 38. Champions: Dartford 373.
BRIGHTON: Sussex League (5 miles): 1, M Howard (Worthing), 26:52; 2, P Witcomb (Brighton), 26:56; 3, O Thompson (E Grinstead), 27:01. Team: 1, Brighton 156; 2, Worthing 379; 3, Crawley 459. Women: (3 miles): 1, C Horne (Crawley), 18:02; 2, I Howard (Crawley), 18:26; 3, J Briggs (Crawley), 18:58. Team: 1, Crawley 21; 2, Worthing 53; 3, Arena 64.
CROYDON: Croydon Harriers championship: (7½ miles): 1, A Dolton 44:40; 2, B Cooke 45:14; 3, J Dillow 46:00.
NORTHWOOD: Chiltern League: (5 miles): 1, K O'Connor (Watford), 28:23; 2, G Marlow (Bracknell), 28:32; 3, J Critchlow (Watford), 28:37. Team: 1, Bracknell 1,194; 2, Reading 1,096; 3, Hounslow 1,065. Champions: Bracknell 10,577.
THURROCK: Essex League: (9km): 1, A Barden (Basildon), 27:55; 2, R Barrie (Newham and Essex Beagles), 28:05; 3, D Laughlin (Chelmsford), 28:13. Team: 1, Basildon 41. Champions: Newham and Essex Beagles 85. Women: (4.7km): 1, A Hazell (Harlow), 17:41; 2, L Reynolds (Essex Ladies), 18:06; 3, M McWade (Ipswich), 18:20. Team: Norfolk 30. Champions: Havering 37.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	10	80	fair	poor	poor	cloud	1
Worn patches on all slopes							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	55	150	fair	heavy	fair	fine	3
More snow needed							
Obergurgl	60	130	fair	crust	good	cloud	0
Worn patches on steeper runs							
ITALY							
Sauze d'Oulx	15	50	fair	varied	fair	fine	3
Good skiing upper slopes							
FRANCE							
Flaine	99	198	good	varied	good	fine	6
Excellent piste skiing							
Les Arcs	65	135	good	spring	fair	fine	5
Spring snow on lower runs							
Tignes	135	165	fair	crust	good	sun	-1
South facing slopes worn							
Val Thorens	155	260	good	heavy	good	fine	0
Good skiing							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	40	80	good	heavy	fair	cloud	10
Good skiing on north slopes							
Klosters	70	140	good	heavy	good	fine	1[illegible]
Föhn causing wet snow							
Verbier	45	170	good	heavy	fair	fine	10
Good skiing upper slopes							
Wengen	45	95	good	heavy	fair	cloud	3
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Zermatt	50	120	good	varied	fair	fine	5
Some lower runs icy							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE

	Depth(cm) Min	Max
Haute Savoie/Savoie		
Chamonix	60	200
La Clusaz	45	170
Les Houches	25	160
Mégève	55	120
Les Menuires	65	220
Morzine-Avoriaz	40	150
La Rosière	116	210
St. Gervais	60	135
Samoëns	40	180
Valfréjus	40	80
Valmorel	60	100
Isère		
Chamrousse	60	90
Les deux Alpes	85	260
Alpes du Sud		
Auron	50	80
Isola 2000	100	130
Pra Loup	35	55
Risoul 1850	50	80
Serre Chevalier	30	60
Superdevoluy	60	90
Vars	45	65
Pyrénées		
Barèges	25	140
Cauterets	90	180
Font Romeu	30	35
Gourette	20	1[illegible]
La Mongie	50	110

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, surface icy; middle run, runs complete but narrow surface icy; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, surface icy; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2400ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, snow on a firm base; middle runs, some runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, hard packed snow; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: upper runs, very little or no snow; middle runs, some runs complete, *hard packed* snow with *icy patches*; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: sunny periods and scattered snow showers; moderate to fresh north-west to west winds; freezing level, 2000ft; some showers may be heavy. Outlook for tomorrow: variable winds; sunny periods and scattered snow showers.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

Never too old for romance: Mary Martin and Jack Albertson in Valentine (Ch4, 9pm)

Cold killer from the skies

● **An Invisible Enemy** (ITV, 10.30pm), made by the *Disappearing World* team, looks at the effects of last year's Chernobyl nuclear disaster on the nomadic Sami or Lapplanders. Radioactive fall-out has poisoned the reindeer upon which the Sami depend for their survival. "*Predators, poor* grazing, and all kinds of dangers for the reindeer," says one of them. "These are all things that we can do something about. You can see these things with your own eyes. But with this we can see nothing, so we call it an invisible enemy."

● "For your husband, divorce is a fiscal inconvenience, but for you this could be the most important financial decision that you'll ever make in your life." Where else but California. **L. A. Law** (ITV, 8pm), the brainchild of the creator of *Hill Street Blues*, is the latest hit series to be imported from the USA. Tonight's two-hour pilot introduces various characters of a prosperous Los Angeles law firm and carefully includes the ingredients necessary for a successful format. Bad-hat legal sharks, who get the best lines (usually over lunch), mingle with pallid do-gooders who get the stronger story lines (usually liberal soap). Take away the designer clothes and various interleaved stories, and one is reminded rather of *The Defenders*, with some of the hipness of *77 Sunset Strip* thrown in for good measure. On the evidence of this pilot, '*L. A. Law*, for all the yuppie accoutrements, works best as old-fashioned courtroom drama.

CHOICE

● "How much do I have to know about pop music?" asks Paul Heiney, in the role of aspiring rock promo director, and gets the predictable response: "Nothing". This special episode of **In At the Deep End** (BBC1, 8pm) lets Heiney — with a little help from his friends — direct a video for the new single by Bananarama. Most of the characters encountered are the modern equivalent of 1950s Tin Pan Alley figures and it seems that the single most important requirement for the job is a high tolerance of poseurs. Ken Russell is on hand to cast an amused and knowing eye on the proceedings.

Chris Petit

Legal eagles: Los Angeles law firm McKenzie, Brackman, Chaney and Kuzak in L. A. Law (ITV, 8pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 Watchdog. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. The hostage crisis in the Lebanon is discussed by Robert Kilroy Silk, Sir David Roberts, a former British Ambassador to Syria, relatives of a hostage, and a studio audience **9.45** Advice Shop. Help on offer to carers.

10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. **10.30** Play School **10.50** Ivor the Engine. (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Rudolph Walker with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** *Bazaar. Judi Spiers* with ways of cutting the cost of living.

11.30 Harold Macmillan Remembered. Live coverage of the Westminster Abbey memorial service for the statesman, described by David Dimbleby. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25** Neighbours. Shane helps Linda overcome a personal tragedy; and Terry her fear of her estranged husband. **1.50** Pigeon Street. (r)

2.00 Film: The Unfaithful* (1947) starring Ann Sheridan, Lew Ayres, and Zachary Scott. A woman whose husband is out of town on business returns home alone from a party and is attacked by an intruder who is killed. *Directed by Vincent* Sherman.

3.50 Count Me In as Antony Johns takes the plunge. (r) **4.10** The Hunter. (r) **4.15** Jackanory. *Christopher Guard with part* two of Gaffer Samson's Luck **4.25** Bananaman. (r) **4.30** The Really Wild Show. Nature series.

5.00 *John Craven's Newsround* **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 11 (Ceefax) **5.35** Fax.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Holiday 87. Gillian Reynolds reports from the Greek island of Paxos; Frank Bough is under canvas in Brittany; and Hunter Davies waxes lyrical about the Lake District.

7.30 EastEnders. Nick Cotton suddenly reappears in Albert Square.

8.00 In at the Deep End. Paul Heiney tries his hand at directing a rock video.(Ceefax)

8.50 Children in Need. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook with the latest news of the appeal launched in November.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew *Harvey. Regional news and* weather.

9.30 A Sort of Innocence. Part five and Elizabeth and Mark are increasingly worried about Tim's absence. (Ceefax)

10.25 Film 87 presented by Russell Harty. Among the films reviewed are The Fly, and Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

10.55 The 20th Century Remembered. The third of four programmes in which Lord Murray talks to Geoffrey Goodman about his life and career.

11.25 Save a Life. Dr Alan Maryon Davis with emergency first aid advice. (r) (Ceefax)

11.35 A Question of Defence. Programme two of the six-part history of Nato. (r)

12.05-12.10 Weather.

3.30 Cricket. Ball by ball coverage of the second game of the best of three World Series Cup final between Australia and England in Sydney.

The hard side of rock: Paul Heiney, with a little help from Ken Russell, makes a pop video in In at the Deep End (BBC1, 8pm)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: An Introduction to Economics. Ends at **7.20**

9.00 Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women.

9.25 Ceefax.

9.52 Daytime on Two: history - how towns developed in the Middle Ages **10.15** Part four of Fair Ground! **10.38** Science: muscles **11.00** The logistics of moving house **11.17** The sea at work **11.40** Wondermaths **11.57** How young twins help their mentally handicapped elder brother.

12.18 The first of two plays about coping with changing circumstances **12.40** Healthy eating **1.05** A newscast from West German television **1.38** Stories that try to depict real life **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds.

2.15 Cameo. A brief portrait of Turkey.

2.25 Songs of Praise from the *Roman Catholic Church* of Saint Bernadette, Belfast. (r) (Ceefax)

3.00 News and weather.

3.03 World Bowls. Second round action in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship.

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.30 World Bowls. A further visit to Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club. Presented by Dougie Donnelly.

5.35 Tomorrow's World. (r)

6.00 The Citadel. Episode three of the 10-part dramatization of A.J.Cronin's novel set in a Welsh mining village. (r)

6.50 World Bowls. Dougie Donnelly introduces further second round action from the Coatbridge Indoor Bowls Club.

7.15 *Harold Macmillan* Remembered. Highlights of today's Memorial Service for Harold Macmillan in Westminster Abbey.

7.45 One Man and His Dog. The first of a new series presented by Phil Drabble and Eric Halsall from the Wye Valley.

8.30 Food and Drink. Should alcoholic drinks have their additives declared?; Prue Leith runs a train buffet on a journey from Brighton to Manchester; and a classic Jamaican meal.

9.00 Film: Improper Channels (1981) starring Alan Arkin and Mariette Hartley. Comedy about an architect who has his young daughter taken from him after he is wrongly accused of ill-treating her. His efforts to persuade the authorities that they are wrong falls on deaf ears. Directed by Eric Till.

10.30 Newsnight. **11.15** Weather.

11.20 World Bowls. Highlights of the day's play in the World Indoor Bowls Championship.

12.10 Open University: Multicultural Education in Oldham. Ends at **12.40**.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 *Good Morning Britain* introduced by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Una Stubbs' postbag at **8.35**. After Nine includes a recorded interview with Paul Young; and, at **9.17**, exercises with Lizzie Webb.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: a street's architecture **9.50** Recording a community's history **10.09** Helping children and the elderly with walking difficulties **10.26** Chemical principles in today's chemical industry **10.48** Cairo **11.10** Computers **11.27** Exercise and rest **11.44** Episode three of Jan Mark's ghost story, Interference.

12.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for the young. (r) **12.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets. (r) **12.30** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** Bulman. The former policeman becomes a tramp when he investigates the death of a dosser. (r)

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studuo discussion on negative and positive attitudes to age. With Dulcie Gray, John Alderson, and Dr Eric Midwinter.

3.00 Cross Wits. Crossword quiz game presented by Barry Cryer. With Jilly Cooper and John Junkin. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical *drama serial set in a large* Australian city hospital.

4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. **4.45** Splash includes some of the 1987 Child of Achievement Awards winners; and a location report with Level 42 as they prepare for a Wembley concert.

5.15 Connections. Quiz game for sixth formers, presented by Sue Robbie.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.

6.30 Busman's Holiday. Travel quiz presented by Julian Pettifer. This evening, a team of clog makers meets a team of bank managers. (Oracle)

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Amos prepares to tell his life story on the local radio.

7.30 Reporting London. Michael Wilson reports on the escalating violence used by animal rights activists; and why haven't 45 Kent miners, sacked during the dispute, been reinstated?

8.00 L.A.Law. A feature length episode introducing the characters of a new drama series beginning on Thursday, set in the offices of a upwardly mobile Los Angeles law firm of McKenzie, Brackman, Chaney and Kuzak. Starring Harry Hamlin, Jill Eikenberry, Michele Greene and Jimmy Smits.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 An Invisible Enemy. A documentary about how a community of reindeer-herding Lapps have been coping with the effects of the Chernobyl disaster.

11.30 Thames Sport Cockney Snooker Classic. The semifinals of the Mecca Bookmakers Trophy, introduced by Nick Owen.

12.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Deadly Honeymoon. After a *whirlwind courtship a newly-married wife is told that her* husband murdered his former wife.

12.55 Night Thoughts.

Canine capers: the three competitors — and their dogs — in the English heat of One Man and His Dog (BBC2, 7.45pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)

2.30 Film: A Fire Has Been Arranged* (1935) starring Bud Flanagan, Chesney Allen and Robb Wilton. Bud and Ches discover that the loot they had buried ten years earlier, before they began to serve their sentence for theft, is now underneath a giant store. Directed by Leslie Hiscott.

3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Ann Buglass from Todmorden.

5.00 Bewitched. American comedy series about a family of sorcerers. Starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent.

5.30 Superchamps. Another round of the multi-sport team competition for young girls and boys.

6.00 Shane. The retired gunman turns down a lucrative offer to turn to gunfighting again. Later the Starrets's crops are set alight so Shane changes his mind in order to find the money to support the family during the winter. Starring David Carradine.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing includes Trevor McDonald's second report from Nicaragua where, this evening, he travels with the Sandinistas to the war zone border with Honduras.

7.50 Comment followed by Weather.

8.00 Brookside. The neighbours complain about Annabelle's puppy.

8.30 Moneyspinner. Personal financial advice series presented by Alison Mitchell. Tonight's programme, from the Guildhall in Southampton, deals with job perks; and ways of handling a small portfolio of shares.

9.00 Film: Valentine (1979) starring Jack Albertson and Mary Martin. A made-for-television romance about two residents of a Californian retirement home. They are in love but the woman's daughter disapproves and in order to try and break up the relationship threatens to tell the man that her mother has a terminal illness. With Loretta Swit and Danny DeVito. Directed by Lee Philips.

10.50 The Max Headroom Show. The guest is David Byrne of Talking Heads.

11.20 Soap. Danny confesses that he is in love with his stepmother; the Mob plot to *kill Burt; Jessica faces a firing* squad; and Chester pulls a gun on Danny and Annie.

11.50 Jazz at the Gateway. Oscar Peterson's guests are the Morrissey/Mullen group, Arild Anderson, and Radka Toness.

12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.45**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge 9.30-10.00 Week in Week Out 10.00-10.55 A Sort of Innocence 12.05am-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.40 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.25-10.55 The Need to Dance 10.55-11.25 Between Ourselves 12.05am-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.40 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Fax 12.05am-12.10 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 City Sounds 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.30am Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.45am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Sweeney 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.25-2.30 *Two-Gether 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters* 6.00 Channel Report 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Police Precinct 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Shammy Dab 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Ben Sioran Concert 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Man In A Suitcase 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Man In A Suitcase 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Tuesday View 7 00 Duty Free 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Postscript 11.35 Falcon Crest 12.31am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Action! 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 5 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Police Precinct 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 California Highway 6.00 Northern Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Worlds Beyond 12.00 Scenes of Old Richmond, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Lifestyles 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Guinness Book of Records 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 11.30 Magnum 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Close

S4C Starts: 11.10am Ysgolion 11.50 Interval 12.05pm Film: New Orleans* 1.45 Their Lordship's House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Irish Angle 3.00 Land of the Lakes 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac 4.20 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched* 5.30 Shane 6.30 Heinz Superchamps 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Mentro! Mentro! 8.00 Remington Steele 9.00 Y Darlun 9.30 Ar Drywydd El Dorado 10.20 Sioe Siarad 10.35 Golden Girls 11.05 Eleventh Hour 12.25am Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.30** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30am** Simon Mayo **7.00** Mike Smith **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies incl a run-down of this week's Top 40 singles **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Frank Partridge **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel.

VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF

News on the hour. **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** The Beverley Sisters **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz. **7.30** Bob Monkhouse presents... **9.15** Syd Lawrence in *Concert* **10.00** Harvey and the Wallbangers **10.30** Town and Country Quiz **11.20** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Computer World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Zoowalk — Berlin 8.30 Puccini and his World 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Kings of Swing 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Jude the Obscure 11.00 News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter From Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Pierre Fournier 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Scotland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 A Cotswold Carpenter 9.10 Book Choice 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter From Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sing Gospel 11.30 Mary Queen of Scots 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Music for Sun King 2.30 Jude the Obscure 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 A Cotswold Carpenter 4.40 Book Choice (until 4 45) 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

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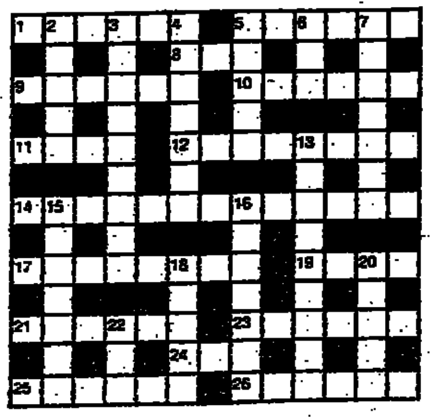

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16 Sanction (7)
18 Pungent smelling (5)
20 Ship maintenance man (5)
22 Blood relative (3)

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Radio 3

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6.35 Open University (vhf only) 17th-century England. **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert. Wagner, Prelude: Lohengrin (Berlin PO under Tennstedt); Chopin, Polonaise-fantasie in A flat, Op 61 (Martha Argerich, piano); Beethoven, Symphony No 8, in F (Philharmonia under Sanderling). **8.00** *News* **8.05** *Morning* Concert (cont). Janequin, Le chant des oyseaulx (Clément Janequin Ensemble); Haydn, String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5 (Lark); Delius, The Bird's Story (Felicity Lott, soprano and RPO); Stravinsky, The Song of the Nightingale (French National Orchestra under Boulez). **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Smetna — The last years. The Two Widows: Act 2 scenes 8 and 9 (Prague National Theatre under Frantisek Jilek); Vltava (Ma vlast) (Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik); The Kiss: Act 2 (excerpts) (Prague National Theatre under Zdenek Chalabala). **10.00** John Ogdon (piano) plays his Theme and Variations, Piano Concerto No 1 and Busoni's Sonatina No 6 (Chamber Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen; Nine Variations on a Chopin prelude. With the RPO under Lawrence Foster. Records **10.55** Rubbra. Veni, creator spiritus, Op 130; Te Deum, Op 115; Magnificat and Nunc dimittis. Op 65. BBC singers under Simon Joly, with Margaret Phillips (organ). **11.20** Haydn and Pleyel. Salomon String Quartet — Simon Standage (violin) Micaela Comberti (violin) Trevor Jones (viola) and Jennifer Ward Clark (cello) — plays *Haydn's String Quartet in F* minor, Op 20 No 5, and Ignaz Pleyel's Quartet in G. **12.05pm** Welsh Symphony Orchestra, under Bryden Thomson, with Garrick Ohlsson (piano). Part one: Janacek's Taras Bulba and Bartok's Piano Concerto No 3.

1.00 News **1.05** BBC Welsh SO. Part two: Dvorak's Symphony No 7, in D minor. **1.45** Guitar Encores. Costas Cotsiolis plays Bach, arr misc: Suite (BWV 995). **2.05** Edwin Fischer (piano) plays Bach's Fantasia in C minor (BWV 906), Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 10 No 3, Schubert's Aud dem Wasser zu singen (D 774); Nachtviolen (D 752), with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano; and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 17, in G (K 453), with the Edwin Fischer Chamber Orchestra. **3.05** Milwaukee's Time of Change. Concerts conducted by the orchestra's principal conductors of the past decade. Bruckner's Symphony No 7, in E, conducted by Kenneth Schermerhorn at Uihlein Hall in 1981. **4.15** Viola and Piano. Yuko Inoue and Kathryn Sturrock play Schubert's Sonata in A minor (D 821) (Arpeggione) and Britten's Lachrymae.

5.00 World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure. A selection of *music for early evening* presented by Natalie Wheen. **6.55** News **7.00** Monteverdi. Mass for four voices (1650); Motet: Domine, ne in furore. Margaret Phillips (organ) and The Sixteen. **7.30** The Theban Plays. Sophocleses's Antigone, translated by Robert Fagles, with Lucy Gutteridge in the title role. With music by Christos Pittas **9.05** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. under Bernard Klee, with Jorge Bolet (piano). Part one: Vorisek's Symphony in D major; Liszt's Piano Concerto No 2, in A major. **10.00** Changes. Poetry anthology on the theme of changes in the human frame. **10.10** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (part two). Ravel's Alborada del gracioso; Pavane pour une Infante défunte; Boléro. **11.00** First Night. Robert Cushman reviews Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford **11.57- 12.00** News.

Radio 4

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5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing and Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. Lines open from 8.00am. **10.00** News; From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics from around the world. **10.30** Morning Story. Leading Man, by Pat Burchard. **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre. The Ice Bird, by Bryan Oliver. A quiet picnic turns out to be more than meets the *eye.* **11.40** *News* **11.43** Memorial Service for the Rt Hon Harold MacMillan. Live from Westminster Abbey

1.00 The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Women's Hour with Sue MacGregor. A Square Meal? Sue Margolis investigates whether children really need a school lunch. **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play, Twister, by Ronald Frame. What is the twist behind a Hollywood director giving the leading role to an unknown actress? (r) **4.00** News **4.05** The Local Network (new series) Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC local radio stations. **4.30** Kaleidoscope (r)

5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six O'Clock News. Financial report **6.30** King Street Junior 6: Assemblies. The start of the summer term, and Eric Brown is pre-occupied (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File on 4. Major issues and events at home and abroad **8.00** Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care **8.30** The Tuesday Feature. Norman Douglas — Looking Back. Feature on the writer best remembered for his novel South Wind. **9.15** In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped and their families. **9.45** Kaleidoscope Includes review of The Gamblers at Glasgow's Tron Theatre and the Athena Art Awards. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime, Missing Persons, by David Cook (7) (s) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00-12.15am** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

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Adams could get chance to cement England's defence

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson, who yesterday announced his England squad for the international in Spain next week, has unlocked the door to the centre of his defence. If he opens it, he could find the solution to a problem that was there even before he took over as the national manager five years ago.

The answer could lie in the elongated frame of Tony Adams, who has been introduced to the senior party ahead of schedule. Robson had already said that Arsenal's outstanding 20-year-old would be promoted from the under-21 side, where he has made five appearances, "after he has spent a season in the first division".

The statement was uttered before England's last fixture, against Yugoslavia in a European Championship tie in November. Adams has since confirmed his promise and, in continuing to protect Arsenal's position as the League leaders (until they were overtaken by Everton on Saturday), he has increased the already substantial list of his admirers.

"No one can see a flaw in his game," Robson said. "Adams is tall enough to be dominant in the air, fast enough to be secure on the ground, composed enough to cover potential danger and intelligent enough to predict its probable source. He is also brave and forceful in a tackle."

Madrid would be an ideal laboratory for Robson to experiment and to tie Adams to his dependable rock, Butcher. There are few more intimidating arenas than the Bernabeu Stadium or more potent attacks than that of Spain, the most successful nation in Europe last year. They lost only one of nine fixtures.

If the partnership works, Robson can retain it for the European Championship ties in April. England are to go to Northern Ireland, where the style and the opponents will be more familiar to Adams, and to Turkey, where the pair could pour cement around their understanding without fear of it being undermined.

The alternative in the squad strengthens the argument in favour of selecting Adams next Wednesday. Watson, although more rugged, is not as adequately equipped to contain small and elusive forwards, such as Butragueno for example, who are likely to be the figureheads of the forward line in the European Championship final next year.

The international performances of Wright, ruled out of the World Cup final last summer with a broken leg, have been scarred with so many wild errors that it is surprising that he has been included among the choices. Even Robson, who has loyally shielded him from criticism, admitted that "his judgement was worrying" against the Yugoslavs.

A back four of Anderson, Adams, Butcher and Sansom would also make the youngster feel at home. He would be comforted on his debut by the presence of his own club colleagues on either flank. With O'Leary, the three of them have this season formed the tightest defence in the country.

They were undone in the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final on Sunday by Clive Allen, who is recalled after an absence of three years. He might have marked his first full appearance for England by scoring five goals against Uruguay. Instead, he claimed none. Now he is in the habit of accepting almost every opportunity that comes his way.

Allen is a selfish predator. As Tottenham Hotspur's lone forward he can afford to be. He would have to broaden his singular attitude instantly if he is to be accommodated within England's formation and Robson is more likely to start with his regular front line representatives, Lineker and Beardsley.

In contrast to Allen, Beardsley is utterly unselfish. Concerned that his confidence was being shaken at Newcastle United, Robson personally checked his form at the weekend and was convinced that he was worth his place.

Hateley, who has been even more idle than England's captain, is also retained but Wilkins, his fellow exile at AC Milan, is dropped. Although Robson has stated that Wilkins would "have a role to play" at least until the finals, his omission suggests that the curtain may have fallen on his international career.

Although Cottee has been demoted to the under-21 squad, as an over-age player, he is young enough to regain his place.

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England squad

P Shilton (Southampton), C Woods (Rangers), D Seaman (Queen's Park Rangers), V Anderson (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), G Stevens (Everton), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), T Butcher (Rangers), A Adams (Arsenal), D Watson (Everton), M Wright (Southampton), T Steven (Everton), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), B Robson (Manchester United), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), S Hodge (Tottenham Hotspur), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G Lineker (Barcelona), C Allen (Tottenham Hotspur), P Beardsley (Newcastle United), M Hateley (AC Milan), J Barnes (Watford).

Hateley: Bobby Robson's decision to keep him in the England party for next week's match against Spain is unexpected

Liverpool drop Statham deal

Liverpool yesterday closed the door on any further negotiations for the West Bromwich Albion defender, Derek Statham. The former England left back was set to move to Anfield for £250,000 as a replacement for Jim Beglin, who is out with a broken leg, but the deal broke down on medical grounds.

"It seems Liverpool are concerned about the scar tissue resulting from Statham's Achilles operation in the summer," the Albion manager, Ron Saunders, said after Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, had officially confirmed the deal was off.

Aston Villa's England under-21 international, Paul Elliott, was last night placed on the transfer list at his own request. The 22-year-old former Luton Town defender, who cost £450,000 14 months ago, will only be allowed to leave when the "time and price is right".

"I appreciate his point of view and understand that he wants first team football," the Villa manager, Billy McNeill, said. "I've agreed to his request to go on the list but he will only leave when it suits us."

Birmingham are to offer Wayne Clarke an improved contract in the hope of keeping him at St Andrews. But Clarke, their top scorer with 19 goalshined last night that he preferred to keep his options open. "I can't see any point in being rushed into anything at the moment," Clarke said. His goal-scoring exploits this season have attracted interest from Everton, Coventry and Leeds.

Southampton, with only one league win in ten matches, are worried about the fitness of three key players as they prepare for tomorrow's Littlewoods Cup semi-final at home to Liverpool. Their goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, is taking cortisone injections in a bid to overcome the back injury which kept him out of the 2-1 home defeat by Norwich. Chris Nicholl, the manager, said: "He's getting treatment and there's no way he wants to miss a match of this importance."

Kevin Bond had seven stitches in an eye gash caused when playing against his old club, and Danny Wallace is still recovering from an ankle injury. Nicholl added: "I'm hopeful they will all be fit because we are going to need them."

Southampton are also waiting to discover if their full back, Mark Dennis, booked nine times in 27 appearances this season, will be able to play in the second leg at Anfield in two weeks. If his caution against Norwich carried four disciplinary points then he will be suspended. Saints will find out when they receive the report from Welsh referee Keith Cooper.

- The Barcelona manager, Terry Venables, is joining BBC-TV as a resident football expert. Venables, who proved popular with viewers during the Mexico World Cup, has signed a four-year contract. His first appearance will be on Wednesday, February 18, during the Spain v England match in Madrid.

- John Devine, Stoke City's Republic of Ireland midfield player, is hoping to make a comeback from serious leg injury, by using a specially built boot. Devine's right leg, broken in four places at Brighton 11 months ago, is almost half an inch shorter after complex orthopaedic surgery, but the new boot alleviates the problem.

- Carl Airey, of Chesterfield, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute following an incident in the match with Bristol City on January 31. The Football Association disciplinary committee spokesman, Eric Dinnie, said: "A policeman brought the referee's attention after the match to the fact Airey had been making gestures to the crowd."

Reward for Broad's feat

Sydney (Reuter) – Chris Broad's marvellous tour of Australia will receive official recognition tomorrow when he is named International Cricketer of the Year. The England opener, aged 29, is to be presented with an £18,000 car, rounding off four and a half months of outstanding achievement.

Broad, recalled by his country after a two-year absence, hit 487 runs during the five Test matches series at an average of almost 70. He made two half-centuries in the Perth Challenge, and then added 321 at 40.12 from eight World Series Cup qualifying games.

By scoring 12 during yesterday's first WSC final against Australia at Melbourne, the Nottinghamshire left-hander took his total of international runs for the tour to 993 — with every chance of topping 1,000 when the two sides meet again in Sydney.

Ironically, Broad was never given a look-in at home last season, when England's desperte selectors used seven different openers in Tests and one-day internationals against India and New Zealand.

Although Broad will be photoghraphed behind the wheel of an Alfa 75, he does not plan to keep the car. Instead, it will be sold and the money added to a prize pool which should reach around £70,000 if England win the World Series Cup — more than £4,000 for each of the 16 players.

The International Cricketer of the Year title is awarded by Benson and Hedges and decided by umpires' votes after each international match played during the Australian season. The only other England player to have won it during its seven-year history was David Gower in 1982-83.

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GOLF

Sigel gets his sixth Walker Cup call

By Mitchell Platts

Jay Sigel will make his sixth Walker Cup appearance when he competes for the United States against Great Britain and Ireland at Sunningdale on May 27 and 28. Francis Ouimet and Bill Campbell, who each played on eight occasions, share the record for the most appearances in the match by an American.

Sigel, aged 42, will again be required to administer the touch of experience as eight of the other nine players in the team are newcomers. Bob Lewis, who competes for the fourth time, is the only other player with previous experience.

He is also one of three reinstated amateurs, the others being Buddy Alexander, the US Amateur champion, and Bill Loeffler, the US Mid-Amateur champion.

The four should provide a strong foundation for a US team seeking to improve on their remarkable record of having won 27 of the 30 Walker Cup matches played since 1922. Great Britain and Ireland won in 1938 and 1971, with the 1965 match ending in a tie.

Fred Ridley, the 1975 US Amateur champion, who will captain the team, should have little difficulty in instilling good team spirit into his side as three of the players — Bill Andrade, Chris Kite and Len Mattiace — teamed up for Wake Forest University to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship last year.

TEAM: B Alexander, B Andrade, C Kite, B Lewis, B Loeffler, L Mattiace, B Mayfair, B Montgomery, J Sigel, J Sorenson. F Ridley (non-playing captain).

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SNOOKER

Meo too sharp for Thorne

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Meo, defending his title in the Tolly Ales English professional championship at Ipswich, made a clearance break of 125 in the sixth frame of his semi-final against Willie Thorne yesterday.

At the main interval of their best-of-17-frames match, Meo led 6-1, having surpassed the previous highest break of 111 by Rex Williams. Thorne who, during early morning practice had compiled a maximum break of 147, was unable to get off the mark, as Meo won the first six frames.

Thorne had opportunities in the fourth and fifth frames, but Meo fought back, winning both on the black ball after a run on the colours. He was 57-39 behind in the fourth and 64-17 down in the fifth. After Meo had secured the sixth frame, Thorne quickly built a lead of 34-0 in the seventh, and went on to open his tally. Joe Johnson, the world champion, who has had a sparse season, is confident of his semi-final against Les Dodd, of Southport, today. "It's nice to be back on a winning line again," Johnson said after he had beaten Williams 6-5 in the quarter-finals on Sunday night. "Rex is a hard man to play." Johnson clinched victory on the last ball of the match after earlier falling 4-2 behind.

Dodd, a former taxi driver from Southport, who since last September has shed five of the 20 stone he has been carrying in weight, beat Knowles in the third round, West in the fourth, and Hallett 6-5 in the quarter finals. He is now assured of at least £6,500.

Thorne earned his place in the last four after defeating Reynolds 6-4, who himself had earlier beaten Jimmy White 6-5 in the fourth round. Against Reynolds, Thorne was 50-22 behind in the tenth frame, but took the last red, the yellow and all the colours to win.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: W Thorne bt D Reynolds 6-4. Frame scores (Thorne first): 37-66, 83-9, 77-28, 71-21, 22-73, 54-72, 64-49, 71-31, 36-81, 52-50. J Johnson bt R Williams 6-5. Frame scores (Johnson first): 25-101, 45-69, 56-45, 67-60, 55-61, 28-57, 61-48, 80-24, 22-77, 93-17, 69-50. Semi-finals: Meo leads Thorne 6-1 (Meo first): 66-27, 107-33, 87-14, 61-57, 65-64, 138-0, 0-73.

- **Steve Newbury, who is in his third season as a professional, beat Cliff Wilson 6-2 in the Matchroom Welsh Professional championship yesterday, and prevented him reaching the semi-finals for the first time since he initially competed seven years ago.**

Newbury, who is ranked fortieth in the world, made a break of 94 to lead 2-0, but was caught at 2-2 before taking the next four frames for victory. Frame scores were: 52-35, 102-22, 45-68, 8-70, 77-13, 67-24, 77-36, 64-34

In tomorrow's semi-final, Newbury will play the winner of today's quarter-final between the former world champion, Ray Reardon, and Tony Chappel.

BOWLS

Bryant finds fault even in victory

By Gordon Allan

David Bryant, who has won the title three times, ambled through the first round of the Embassy world indoor bowls championship at Coatbridge yesterday . He beat Jeff Rabkin, a South African who made his home in Israel two years ago, 7-1, 7-0.

Rabkin, a left-hander, never got into the game and on the odd occasion when he gave signs of doing so, Bryant pushed him out. Bryant said afterwards that he was not entirely satisfied with the way he played (is any serious player ever satisfied?) but pointed out that so far nobody had been bowling consistently well end after end.

He also said that, even in the match against Rabkin, in which the tide was running in his favour, the pressure was on him. The tightness of the sets scoring system is such that one bad end can be much more costly than it would be in a 21-up game, and Bryant had to be on his guard against the danger of relaxing.

Bryant had a word of praise for the bowling of Don Peoples, the Queenslander who beat Alan McMullan, of Belfast, 7-5, 7-4, in the previous match.

In the second round tomorrow Peoples plays Lyn Tanner, of Swansea, who beat Roy Cutts, the English champion, 3-7, 7-2, 7-3, late on Sunday night. The second round (best of five sets) starts today with a match between Tony Allcock, the defending champion, and Angus Blair, the Scottish outdoor champion.

RESULTS: First round: Sunday: W Boettger (Can) bt N Thompson (Eng), 7-0, 7-6; L Tanner (Wal) bt R Cutts (Eng), 3-7, 7-2, 7-3. Yesterday: D Peoples (Aus) bt A McMullan (Ire), 7-5, 7-4; D Bryant (Eng) bt J Rabkin (Isr), 7-1, 7-0.

Britain in move to aid French

The International Board, with the British Rugby League in the vanguard, is to mount a rescue operation for France as the game in that country totters towards bankruptcy.

Before the ill-tempered game at Carcassonne on Sunday, which Britain won 20-10 in a game studded with spiteful incidents, France sacked two leading officials, the president, Jacques Soppelsa, and the team coach, Tas Baitieri. This threw the French Rugby League into further turmoil followingdisclosures that the French League has debts of £90,000 and that young players are not joining the game.

David Oxley, secretary-general of the British Rugby League, said: "We are asking the French what we can do to help. First of all we can offer to lend money to help them carry out their proposed tour of Australia and New Zealand next summer."

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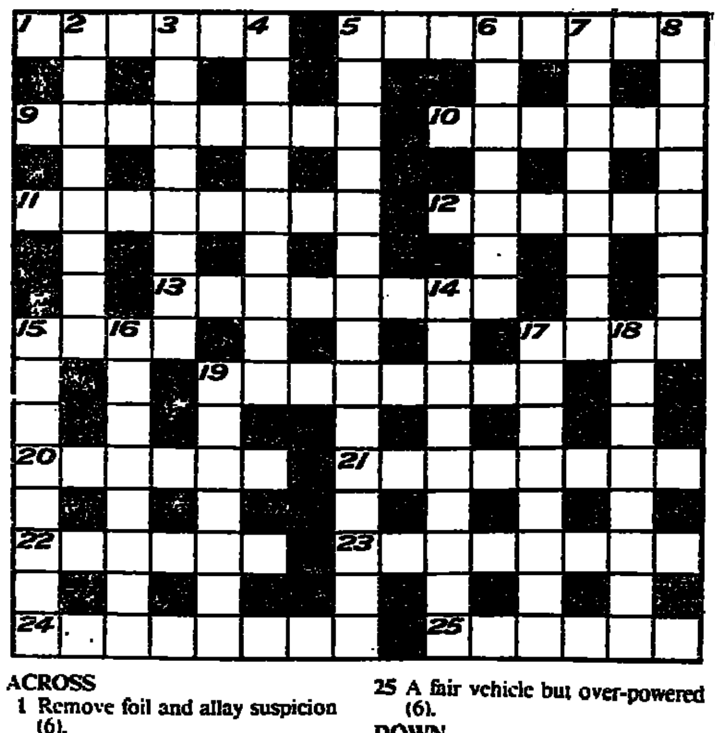

ACROSS

1 Remove foil and allay suspicion (6).
5 Well-known climber, I scale Mt Tumbledown (8).
9 I stand corrected, in front of church, for aloofness (8).
10 Tired agent taking shelter inside (6).
11 Duffer's on the organ — better wear these! (3-5).
12 This nurse a valiant leader in dungeon (6).
13 Variegated star does break up (8).
15 Knockdown said to be fatal (4).
17 Cries of distress or just one about Beachy Head" (4).
19 Nick shows how goose is cooked (8).
20 Restore retired premier to state (6).
21 Walpole's ability to strike lucky banishes depression in peace (8).
22 Guard transported by rail (6).
23 Don, for example, is so impractical (8).
24 First of eleven players in Orient has right of way (8).
25 A fair vehicle but over-powered (6).

DOWN

2 Limit a bleeper — part can be taken off (8).
3 Withering, like Shelley's deep tone (8).
4 Show ring and give promises of party (9).
5 Where striker stands defiant, not easily ruffled (6-9).
6 Duck-doctor takes all morning to go round (7).
7 14th century appears modern in outskirts of Torino (8).
8 Does an agent put it into orbit? (8).
14 Bedeck a king in this demi-paradise (9).
15 Just lies sprawled out in a kind of sweater (4.4).
16 Crumbs! Svengali has gone mad (8).
17 Pen-pusher — possibly a royal official (8).
18 Straddle top mount (8).
19 How monotonous to sing wordlessly with regular beat (7).

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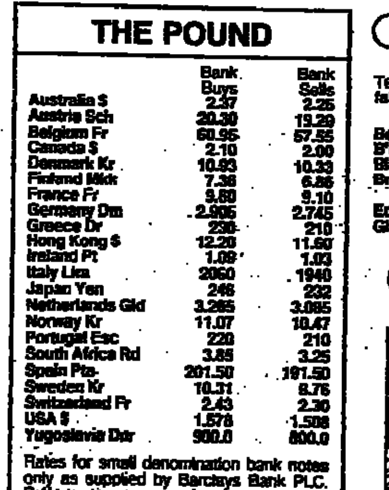
Solution to Puzzle No 17,275



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WEATHER

A deep depression will move slowly north-east in the North Sea, followed by a weak ridge of high pressure. Many eastern and northern districts will start dull and wet, but brighter weather should spread from the south and west to most districts by the afternoon, though there will still be some showers. It will be mostly rather cold and windy. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Many places dry and bright with some overnight fog and frost. Some showers are likely in the north-west, and the south may have a spell of rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	14	57	Madrid	s	13	55
Akrotiri	f	14	57	Majorca	s	15	59
Alex'dria	c	14	57	Malaga	s	17	63
Algiers	s	21	70	Malta	s	17	63
Amst'dm	c	7	45	Melb'rne	s	22	72
Athens	s	12	54	Miami*	s	21	70
Bahrain	s	24	75	Milan	fg	0	32
Barbads*				Moscow	s	-5	23
Barcelna	s	14	57	Munich	c	10	50
Belgrade	c	4	39	Nairobi	f	26	79
Berlin	c	5	41	Naples	s	15	59
Bermuda*	r	18	64	N Delhi	s	21	70
Biarritz	c	12	54	N York*	s	6	43
Borde'x	s	15	59	Nice	c	11	52
Brussels	f	11	52	Oslo	f	-5	23
Budapst	f	9	48	Paris	c	10	50
B Aires*				Peking	s	11	52
Cairo	f	15	59	Perth	s	33	91
Cape Tn				Prague	f	7	45
C'blanca	c	17	63	Reykjvik	f	4	39
Chicago*	f	-3	27	Rhodes	s	13	55
Ch'church	r	15	59	Rio de J	f	30	86
Cologne	c	9	48	Rio de J	s	31	88
C'phagn	c	3	37	Riyadh	s	30	86
Corfu	s	14	57	Rome	f	16	61
Dublin	f	10	50	Salzburg	c	4	39
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Frankfurt	r	8	46	St'kholm	f	-7	19
Funchal	r	17	63	Strasb'rg	s	13	55
Geneva	s	5	41	Sydney	s	28	79
Gibraltar	c	15	59	Tangier	f	15	59
Helsinki -	sn	11	12	Tel aviv	c	11	52
Hong K	c	20	68	Tenerife	s	20	68
Innsbrck	s	7	45	Tokyo	s	13	55
	f	5	41	Toronto*	sn	1	34
Jeddah	f	25	77	Tunis	s	17	63
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Valencia	s	19	66
Karachi	s	25	77	Vanc'ver*	f	7	45
L Palmas	s	19	66	Venice	f	5	41
Le Touquet	f	13	55	Vienna	c	5	41
Lisbon	f	13	55	Warsaw	f	2	36
Locarno	s	6	43	Wash'ton*	f	8	46
L Angels*	c	22	72	Wel'nton	f	17	63
Luxembg	c	7	45	Zurich	s	10	50

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	*				
Bridlington	0.7	.15	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	-	.17	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	-	.05	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	-	.03	11	52	cloudy
Southend	0.1	.01	10	50	cloudy
Margate	*	.01	12	54	dull
Folkestone	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	-	.02	9	48	drizzle
Eastbourne	-	.04	9	48	fog
Brighton	-	.01	7	45	fog
Worthing	-	.01	9	48	fog
Littlehmptn	-	.02	*	*	cloudy
Bognor R	-	.01	10	50	dull
Southsea	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Poole	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Swanage	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	9	48	fog
Exmouth	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.9	-	14	57	bright
Torquay	1.2	.01	15	59	cloudy
Falmouth	*	.08	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	-	.06	12	54	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	.04	11	52	cloudy
Jersey	-	.07	11	52	cloudy
Guernsey	-	.10	11	52	drizzle
Newquay	-	.05	11	52	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	.06	11	52	dull
Minehead	1.3	-	14	57	bright
B'pool Airpt	3.5	.25	9	48	rain
Morecambe	2.5	.81	8	46	bright
Douglas	4.5	.40	10	50	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	.07	12	54	drizzle
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.2	.02	11	52	drizzle
Carlisle	3.1	.46	10	50	rain
London	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	2.4	.24	12	54	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.0	.12	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	0.8	.02	11	52	rain
Anglesey	3.7	.40	10	50	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.02	10	50	fog
Colwyn Bay	*	.24	14	57	bright
Tenby	-	.15	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.1	.09	12	54	bright
Edinburgh	2.9	.06	11	52	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.3	.28	11	52	sunny
Glasgow	2.2	.16	11	52	bright
Kinloss	4.6	.12	*	*	sunny
Lerwick	1.9	.05	7	45	drizzle
Prestwick	2.2	.13	11	52	bright
Stornoway	1.4	.17	8	46	shower
Tiree	4.8	.29	10	50	shower
Wick	4.6	.10	9	48	bright
Belfast	4.9	.09	11	52	bright

These are Sunday's figures
*Figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.53	7.0	4.17	7.1
Aberdeen	3.22	4.0	3.21	4.3
Avonmouth	9.15	13.1	9.35	12.8
Belfast	12.50	3.1	1.10	3.5
Cardiff	9.0	12.1	9.20	11.8
Devonport	7.43	5.4	8.1	5.2
Dover	12.50	6.5	1.0	6.3
Falmouth	7.13	5.2	7.31	5.0
Glasgow	3.0	4.2	2.47	4.9
Harwich	1.45	3.8	2.9	3.8
Holyhead	12.11	5.3	12.24	5.5
Hull	8.26	7.2	8.33	7.4
Ilfracombe	8.2	9.0	8.22	8.8
Leith	4.37	5.3	4.52	5.4
Liverpool	1.7	9.0	1.20	9.2
Lowestoft	11.49	2.1	11.44	2.5
Margate	1.54	4.7	2.20	4.5
Milford Haven	8.19	6.9	8.36	6.7
Newquay	7.10	6.9	7.28	6.7
Oban	7.36	4.0	8.3	3.8
Penzance	6.45	5.5	7.4	5.3
Portland	8.48	2.1	9.28	1.9
Portsmouth	1.23	4.5	1.32	4.4
Shoreham	1.5	6.1	1.16	6.0
Southampton	12.50	4.5	12.54	4.4
Swansea	8.22	9.3	8.37	9.1
Tees	5.43	5.1	5.48	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.38	4.1	2.2	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.30	19.29
Belgium Fr	60.95	57.55
Canada $	2.10	2.00
Denmark Kr	10.93	10.33
Finland Mkk	7.38	6.86
France Fr	9.60	9.10
Germany Dm	2.905	2.745
Greece Dr	230	210
Hong Kong $	12.20	11.60
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.03
Italy Lira	2060	1940
Japan Yen	248	232
Netherlands Gld	3.265	3.085
Norway Kr	11.07	10.47
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.85	3.25
Spain Pta	201.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.43	2.30
USA $	1.578	1.508
Yugoslavia Dnr	900.0	800.0

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Retail Price Index: 393.

London: The FT index closed up 7.7 at 1516.8.

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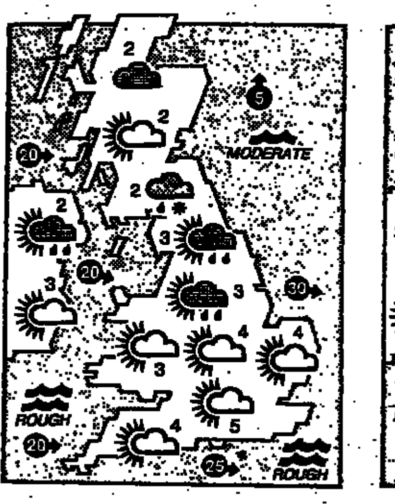

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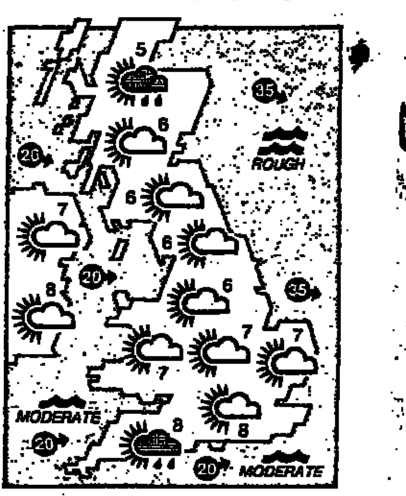


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.36 pm to 6.53 am
Bristol 5.45 pm to 7.3 am
Edinburgh 5.35 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 5.38 pm to 7.7 am
Penzance 6.1 pm to 7.11 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 89 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, .05 in: Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1002.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

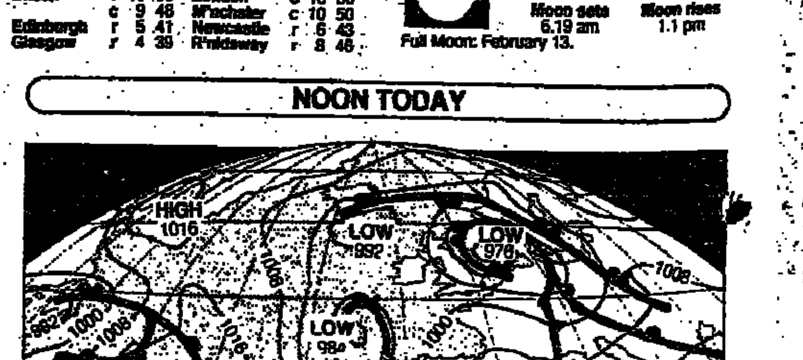
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	6	43	Guernsey	c	7	45
B'rmgham	c	10	50	Inverness	c	4	39
Blackpool	r	9	48	Jersey	d	8	46
Bristol	r	10	50	London	c	10	50
	c	9	48	M'chster	c	10	50
Edinburgh	r	5	41	Newcastle	r	6	43
Glasgow	r	4	39	R'nldsway	r	8	46

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.3 in: Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 5.6 pm
Moon sets 6.19 am
Moon rises 1.1 pm
Full Moon: February 13.

NOON TODAY



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